Was that the amount
of small deposits that had
accumulated.
Answer. Yes.
Examined by Mr
Riddle.
The Assist Certificates
are prepared & filled up by
his Clerk before being signed
by him. Before signing he is
in the habit of examining the
assayers report and the calcu-
lations.
After the receipt of bullion
it is weighed by the weigher
passed to the Melter & Refiner
returned by him to the weigher
re-weighed, a piece cut off for
assay, returned to the Melter &
from him to the Coiner through
the Treasurer.
When the Bullion is melted
it is returned for re-weighing

re-weighed & the piece cut off for assay, it is immediately returned to the Melter unless he is unprepared to receive it, in which case it is put into the Vault & there kept until he is prepared to receive it or send for it. The Weigher keeps the record of the re-transfer of the Bullion & of the re-weight of the Weights & upon the re-transfer to the Melter for the purpose of melting it into ingots,

Q. Is not always present when the second weighing takes place, & often there, does not consider it as his duty to be present.

Question - For what book is it that the record or re-transfer to the Melter & Refiner is kept when the re-transfer is made?

Ans. It is kept in a book now now produced & marked on the back W.B. 1839. That there is no other record of the re-transfer except in the book just mentioned.

Being asked to point out the re-transfer of the Damien Coins deposited in the Bank marked

W.B. 1839. The deponent is unable to exhibit any Book entry

Re-examined by Mr. Bradford.

That the book entitled the Weigher's Book, contains the Monthly deliveries of Bullion to the Author & Refiner.

Re-examined on the part of Mr. Maywell.

On examination of the Weigher's Book, does not see that it has been brought up to the last month.

Being asked if it has been previously brought up monthly Answered that he had not examined.

Re-examined by Mr. Bradford.

Ever since he has known Mr. Bradford, the Concern of Mr. Bradford towards deponent has always been courteous & friendly, the same as relates to the Assayer.

The same courtesy exists with Mr. Maywell until the period of Mr. Maywell's letter to the Directors where there

ceased to be the same cordiality.
With Mr. Tyler he has
never had the least official
difficulty, excepting Mr. Tyler
was not always in a good humour,
which as he told Mr. Tyler he
attributed to his foul breathe

Examined by Mr.
McDowell.

Being asked whether
the Operations of the Mint had
ever been retarded by delays
from the Letter & Requisitions de-
partment, Answers That he
does not know; that he has
heard the Director say once or twice
in Conversation that he wanted
Bullion; perhaps he may have
had some but not enough;
the Observations were not made
however as if complaining of
the want of Bullion.

Says that Mr. Maxwell
exhibited a letter which he sup-
poses to be similar to one from
the Director to Mr. Bradford on
the subject of the information
to be given by Mr. Maxwell in
all that relates to the various
duties of the Mint. That Mr. Max-
well exhibited after the commencem

to depone to give him all the
information he might want, but
that he was informed by Mr Laird
his Clerk, who had been last home
with Mr Maxwell, that on his ap-
plying a second time to the Treasurer's
Instructions, for information, Mr
Maxwell had answered that he
was no book keeper, & that it was
none of his business. He never
personally asked any information
from Mr Maxwell as to which Mr
Maxwell has not given.

Adjourned to tomorrow
at 10 o'clock A. M.

Mr Stoddard

(49) 18.

June 17th 1839.

Met agreeably to adjournment at 9 O'clock
P. M. Present Mess. Shiskell Commissioner
Mr. Bradford Mr. Forthall Mr. Hart
Mr. Tyler Mr. Maxwell Mr. Parker and
Mr. Dimity.

Mr. Bradford was then called upon
by the Commissioner to give his testimony
Mr. Bradford was sworn by the Notary.

Examination by Mr. Shiskell &c.

Being asked whether he had ever declared
that he was satisfied that Mr. Maxwell had
never received the petition of the Casas de
posits, and would give him all the
assistance he could.

Answered that he must have been misun-
derstood that he never said so; that at
the time the difficulty arose he stated to
Mr. Maxwell his belief that the petition had
not been stolen, but that it would be found.
That he approved of the investigation called
for by Mr. Maxwell and had informed him
that he would write out his opinion on
the subject that he had commenced doing
so but had not finished it.

Mr. Maxwell at the origin of this
difficulty had stated an anxiety to have
an investigation upon all the officers of

Was aware that the Treasurer's Journal was
been behind hand for a great length of time
and says that he was always cognizant of
the State of the books, that he never made
any remonstrance with the treasurer on
the subject.

He aware that since the first of March
last the Journal has not been brought up
day by day; that at the end of the Month al-
though the Journal was not brought up to
"Payment" was in the habit of examining the
Vouchers and Accounts.

He perfectly satisfied that the Cases de-
posited was part into the possession of the
Melter & Refiner both before and after assay

His reasons for supposing that the
Cases deposited did go into the hands of
the Melter & Refiner as aforesaid are as fol-
lows:

1st That, sometime, as he is certain, between
the 14th & 16th of April he gave an or-
der at the particular request of the
Melter & Refiner that the small de-
posites of Mexican and current coins
should be reserved till a sufficient
quantity was obtained to make a fair
melt.

2d That this order was obeyed in the Case of

3. That on or about the 15th of April Mr. Mayfield complained to witness that this order was disobeyed, and witness thinks the said complaints was with regard to the Casas deposit, but of this he is not certain.

4th That the said order was obeyed in the Cases of Garcia and Villazubia.

5th And his opinion is moreover founded upon the testimony of other persons to wit: The Weighers, Peter Seabrick, Richard Parker and the assayer.

That from the testimony he received he believed that it was not possible that the Casas Deposit should be in the Treasurers Vault at the time Mr. Mayfield complained.

On being asked whether he thought it possible that there could not have been in the Treasurers Vault that is the Vault in which is deposited the Bullion for melting into ingots the Casas deposit at the time that Mr. Mayfield demanded an investigation.

Answers No, Because at this very time a discussion or calculation took place between Mr. Brinley and Mr. Mayfield

Mr. Brinley

as to how many ounces of reserved deposits there should be in the Treasurer's Vault exclusive of the Coast deposit, and they agreed after some trifling discrepancies, in their calculations, on the same amount that he was not present at the time of this calculation took place but that he was satisfied that it had to have place had he acknowledged to him.

Mr. Maxwell first made the calculation, the weight was then made, a difference of about 20 ounces was found, Mr. Dimitry then examined the calculations, detected the error and the calculation was found to correspond with the weight.

All the facts above detailed with regard to said calculations and weighing were substantially acknowledged to exist by Mr. Maxwell in their subsequent conversations.

At the time that Mr. Maxwell & Mr. Dimitry thus weighed the restored deposits, they "the said deposits" were in the Treasurer's Vault and taken thence by those gentlemen to be weighed.

W. T. Broadfoot

Mr Blanchard.

At the time that these reserved deposites were weighed there were at the time other coins and Bullion in the Vault. But does not believe that these reserved coins could have been commingled with the other coins and bullion, because, he has never known them to be so on any other occasion; and the routine of the Office was to keep them distinct.

Without flagrant dishonesty or gross negligence on the part of Mr. Mayxwell or of Mr. Dimithy does not believe that the Casas deposite could disappear from the building.

Believes that the Casas Deposite has been melted down in the melting of clippings.

That at the time Mr. Mayxwell recommended the accumulation of small deposits he also stated that these deposits being a little under the standard weight and the clippings a little above it, it would facilitate him to have them, the clippings and small deposits melted together.

That although the melting of small deposits melt

with the shipping was a convenience to himself yet he would forego that convenience because he considered the removing of these deposits unjust in as much as the public interest would be promoted by the economy of fuel. After the demand for an investigation by Mr Boswell, Dr Hart appeared to claim his opinion, (after reassay of what was represented to be a part of Richard's deposit of the same date) that the Casas deposit had never been assayed by Dr Hart and that Dr Hart said the report of assay of Casas deposit should be returned to him "Dr Hart" deponent dissented from such opinion.

On being asked what Dr Hart recommended that the report of the Casas assay should be returned to him whether Dr Hart gave any explanation of why or how he had made a report of assay when no assay had taken place

Answers Mr Hart gave no satisfactory explanation

Adjourned to tomorrow at 4 O'clock P. M.

Mr Boswell

June 20th 1839.

Met agreeably to adjournment the same persons present.

Examination of Mr. Bradford continued by Mr. Riddell.

Q. Not reposed to be present at the investigation called for by Mr. Maxwell, because he could not have any personal communication with him Mr. Maxwell without its being attended with some unpleasant manifestation of feeling.

That since the 1st. of January 1839 the warrants for the delivery of bullion, ingots & coins have not been regularly issued at the close of the month.

Being asked whose fault it was that the warrants were not issued at the end of every month.

Answers That it was principally his

He here produced a detailed account of January 31st. 1839 Marked

Does not think that the want of issuing these warrants has been the cause or could have delayed the bringing up the Treasurers books

That he considers the Cashiers to be of more importance than books or any thing else

That he considers books as the re-
sort of Articles.

That in the Month of August 1838.
he discovered a considerable error, say 30 or
40,000 Dollars in the warrants, that man
him more wary; and that although it
might wear the appearance of dictato-
riess on his part yet for the sake of
accuracy since the first of January last
he purposed so submitting them for exam-
ination before their completion and
believes that the delays in closing the
annual accounts in January last have
proceeded from the Comptroller and the Mas-
ter & Refiner

On being asked whether he
is aware that the instructions are
that these warrants are to form the basis
of the Treasurer's Journal entries.

Answers that he is not aware of
it; not having particularly attended to
the instructions relative to the entries
in the books having referred the
same to the Clerks principally.
That he considered the mode of doing
business here has been different
from that in Philadelphia. For
Philadelphia they act upon the princi-

of prompt payment and how the
Mint is to receive the bullion on
deposit for coinage?

States that a form in which
the Mint Treasurer's account with
the Treasurer of the United States should
be kept was sent out by the Director
and on such a form being adopted
and sent to Washington, the Treas-
urer of the United States sent out
another form to be adopted for said
account.

The written instructions head-
ed "Instructions in relation to the course
of accounting for Gold & Silver at
the Branch Mint of the United
States at New Orleans" have never
been rescinded nor have others been
substituted in their place by the Di-
rector at Philadelphia.

Has had those instructions about a year
the reception is indorsed on them 11th of June
1838.

2nd Whether the directions contained in those
instructions that all the accounts in the
Branch Mint at New Orleans should be
closed and balanced on the last days of
March, June, September, and December

have been regularly observed.

Answers They have not been regularly observed; the accounts up to August 1838 were closed, when there was a recess; they were closed but not balanced and not sent on until February when all the accounts were sent up satisfactorily.

The accounts were not satisfactorily closed and balanced in March 1839. nor are they yet.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the Mint with the Treasurer of the United States for March 1839 have been balanced and sent on; but the accounts with the Officers of the Mint are yet kept open.

Since March 1838 he has been inspecting a travelling agent of the United States to examine the institution in all its details. He has also been in expectation of the arrival of the Director himself. He is induced in this expectation from the 7th section of the law of 1837 and from the two letters written by witness requesting the presence of the Director at the opening of the Mint.

The contents of the Vaults of the Assayer & Melter & Refiner were not delivered up to the Treasurer on the 31st of December 1838.

Witness proposed to the Assayer & Melter and Refiner that the Contents of the Vaults should be delivered up to the Treasurer on the 31st of December 1838. But the Assayer objected to it because they could be delivered up at any time when so directed by the witness.

The Assayer had been very ill and thought it best to do all the work that could be done and settle at a more convenient time.

Mr. Tyler having raised some objection to the weights we were using (which I had borrowed from one of the Banks in the City) Suggesting that I should stop the operations of the Branch Mint until the weights designed for it were received from the Mint, or from Professor Hasler who had charge of it was to furnish them

Mr. Bradford

to which suggestion Mr.
Mayfield emphatically ob-
jected and declared that
we had the standard weights
from the Custom-house we
could proceed in the operation
of weighing with confidence
and satisfactory accuracy;
and Mr. Tyler having then
said that he intended to set
his machinist to make a set
of weights, I wrote an official
letter, (of which I make a copy)
to Mr. Spafford:

"Mint" U.S.B. Mint New Orleans
January 5th 1837.

Sir,

I have to request that you test the
weights in the weighing room, which I bor-
rowed from the Consolidated Association (Bank)
with the standard weight and report to me if it is
or not practicable to use them in the requisite
weighing operations of the Assayer of this Branch
Mint.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
signed David Bradford Supt.

To/ William C. Spafford Esq. Clerk in the Trea-
surer's Office and Weigh Master.

Witness believes that on the 31st of December 1838 the Melter & Refiner presented his accounts and a fair estimate of the proceeds after the allowances of such assays as he had not smelted.

Witness does not think that silver had been used for alloy up to that time by the Melter & Refiner in making Gold Ingots.

On the 31st of December 1838 witness did not personally examine the accounts presented by Mr. Maxwell, but that he did so on or about the 31st of January 1839.

Witness satisfied himself by a personal examination of Mr. Maxwell's accounts that there had been a bona fide waste of the amount of precious metals Mr. Maxwell claimed.

A warrant was prepared for Mr. Maxwell for wastage bearing date 31st of January 1839 but he, the Witness did not sign it until after the account was signed by Mr. Maxwell.

Mr. Bradford

Witness does not know any thing about the erasure upon which the state of the General account of the Melter & Refiner with the Treasurer dated 31st of January 1839 is written, but that it is evident the word 31 is written on erasure

Mr Dimsdy told witness that the account had been agreed upon between Mr Dimsdy and Mr Maxwell a week before he signed it

The account in which this erasure exists has been produced from the Treasurers office.

Being asked whether he ever offered to give to the melter & refiner the wastage warrant bearing date 31st January 1839 now in the wastage warrant book.

Answers that he has never made any definitive disposition of said warrant, which still remains in the wastage warrant book unindorsed, but signed by Witness.

That he was told to wait for more definitive orders from the Treasury.

Mr Blandford

on relation to

In relation to the disposition of their warrants; and is now satisfied that the warrant ought to have gone on to Washington endorsed by Mr. Forstall, together with the account.

Has always thought Mr. Forstall was a very honest man; by no means efficient in business, confining altogether in his Clerks.

Thinks Mr. Dimsey to be the best accountant he ever knew, believes his moral character excellent.

Thinks the Melter & Refiner competent to the operations of his department from his having produced Standard Ingots, from which assays have been made that have proved the annual assay.

Mr. Mayfield commences his work early in the morning, say about 7 Oclock in the Winter and about 6 in the Summer; and closes his work about 4 Oclock P.M. and very often after that hour.

Has never experienced any

Mr. Bradford

(Assay C.)

from the matters & Refiners de-
partment as he believes.

From what he has seen of
Mr. Mayscells conduct in this Mint
witness believes him to be
a dishonest man

Question. Have you any other foun-
dation for this opinion of Mr. May-
-wells dishonesty other than the
Damien Casas Deposite ?

Answer. Yes that he has always
entertained this opinion ever
since the 16th of January last and
particularly ever since the 20th of January
that in November 1838 he directed
the bullion in the Melter & Refiners
Vault as this had been accumulated
there in consequence of the repairs
to the Treasurers Vault, should be
distributed giving to the several
Officers the bullion there accumula-
-ted which belonged to the several Offices
respectively. This was done agreably
to witnesses direction.

He had notified Mr. Mayscell that
this distribution should be made
in deponents presence and that it

Mr. Bullion

should be made in strict conformity with the legal regulations.

Deponent was informed by Mr Tyler that at about the last of December he, Mr. Tyler had been obliged to get Mr. Maxwell to melt a few of the strips and Ingots in the Vault which he believes was done, and which he considers as a flagrant violation of the law and of his orders. And as it was all in the possession of the Treasurer and they had the Treasurers receipts and deponent had warrants it in, he ought to warrant it out in order to protect the Treasurer.

Deponent believes that this is all in relation to the distribution of the bullion in the Melter & Refiners Vault that imprisoned his confidence in his, Maxwells honesty.

Being asked if he ascertained the amount of strips and Ingots the Coiner got from the Melter and Refiner on the occasion mentioned above

Answers that he did not.

Mr. Broadhead

Did not communicate to Mr. Maxwell at the time, what Mr. Tyler had told him about the strips and Ingots. Neither then nor subsequently did, deponent require any explanation from Mr. Maxwell on the subject.

Does not believe that he communicated it to the Treasurer.

Does not believe that he made any report on the subject to the Director.

When the Treasurer received the bullion coming to him from that Vault nothing was found short.

Being asked if the impression was created on his mind by this transaction of the strips & ingots of the dishonesty of Mr. Maxwell, he did not communicate it to the Director or the Secretary of the Treasury Answered. That this custom of the Coiner and Melter & Refiner mutually receiving from each other strips and Ingots without passing through the Treasurer having grounded

during the summer he did not think
proper to communicate it to
the Director or to the Secretary
of the Treasury and that he thought
this usage would exempt them from
censure.

Examined on behalf of
Mr. Maxwell

Question. Did you not settle the cus-
tom account between the Mint &
Refiner and the Treasury, and be-
tween the coiner & Treasurer between
the said 20th of January and 1st of February
Ans. Yes

Quest. Were they both right and all
the bullion and coins delivered to
them accounted for to your satis-
faction?

Ans. They were.

Quest. Did you not attend the weighing
personally with Mr. Maxwell and in-
spect his calculations?

Ans. Yes and Mr. Dmitry's calculations
also.

Quest. Were there not two doors to
this Vault.

Ans. There was a double door ——

Mr. Bradford

Quest. Did the Treasurer keep the key of one door and Mr. Maxwell the other, to the end that neither could have access to the Vault without the privity of the other?

Ans. Yes

Quest. Were not the Bullion & Coin in this Vault considered in the keeping of the Treasurer?

Ans. Yes

Quest. Did not Mr. Maxwell hold your warrant for that part which appertained to his department?

Ans. He did with the treasurer's receipt thereon.

Quest. Did he not surrender this warrant, with the receipt thereon to you or the Treasurer on the settlement of accounts?

Ans. He did.

Quest. In making up Mr. Maxwells accounts, did you not rely on his statement, if otherwise from what book did you get it.

Ans. I did not rely on his statement, for me simply them. Inclusive the Registers of Gold & silver bullion & the assayers reports for every item

Mr. Bradford.

of the account that was settled.
Quest. Did not Mr. Mayfield previous to and at the time of this settlement apply to you for the monthly warrants for the delivery of the bullion?
Ans. He did not previous to that time, but did at the settlement and frequently since & it was agreed that they should be furnished agreeably to said settlement and monthly afterwards.
Quest. Have they been furnished conformably to that agreement?
Ans. They have not. I did not press the matter because I supported the Director.
Quest. How are the entries in the book entitled the weigher's Book, made; are they original or taken from some other book?
Ans. They are the Record of my Monthly reports taken from the Registers

Adjourned to tomorrow at 4 Oclock. P. M.

Mr. Bradford.

June 22d 1839

Met agreeably to adjournment at 4 Oclock P. M.

The same persons present

Examination of Mr. Bradford resumed.

Examined on behalf of Mr Macfarlane

Question. In whose hand writing are the first pages of the Weighers Book?

Answer. Mr Richard Parker's.

Quest. How long has Mr Parker been in the employment of the Mint?

Answer. Since the 15th of April last.

Quest. Is there in the Treasurers Office a book similar in appearance lettered "the Weighers Book" on which the accounts are in the hand writing of the Clerk who was in the employment of the Mint at the time they profess to bear date?

Ans. There is a book labelled "Weighers book" in the hand writing of Mr Lilly who was employed in the month of former July 1838

The pages in the hand writing of Mr Lilly are 2, 3, 4, and 6, 30, and 31, 200 and 201

The pages 6 and 7 are in the hand writing of my son Benjamin.
Page's 8 and 9 202 & 203 are in Mr. Palmer's writing, & these are all the pages any entries are made.
The first entries in the hand writing of Mr. Lilly is marked 8th 1838 and his last entri is July 27th 1838.
The entries of my son Benjamin are from the date of March 31st 1838 to February 1st 1839.
The entries in the hand writing of Mr. Lilly have been crossed and also those in the hand writing of Benjamin as appears from the said book now produced
Quest. Is not the book in which the entries are thus crossed the original Weigher's Book kept in the Treasurers Office?
Ans. It is.
Quest. Was or was not the book introduced at the early part of this investigation entitled the Weigher's book, intended as a substitute for the said original

Mr. Bradford

Neighbors Book.
Ans. It was intended to be in the place of the original.
Cross Exhibiting the first entries in the Docketing of Mr Lilly's cause I first suggested to the Clerk to get another book and docket the old one when my proposition was concurred in I ordered the porter to get another and to my surprise he returned in about an hour with the Neighbors book now used.
Quest. By whom was it concurred in?
Ans. Both Mr Demby & Mr Parker
Quest. When did this happen?
Ans. May 21st 1839
Quest. Who crossed the entries in the original book?
Ans. Does not know.
Quest. Did you ever enquire?
Ans. I asked Mr Demby why it was done and he satisfied me that the entries were erroneous or informal.
Quest. Did he inform me how when this error or informality was discovered?

Mr. Bramwell

Sworn. Vr.

Quest. Do you not believe from your conversations with Mr. Domitty that he owned those entries?

Ans. I understood Mr. Domitty to approve of them.

Quest. Was the original book sent to the Stationers for the purpose of having the lettering of the New Book to conform or for what other purpose

Ans. It was sent solely for the purpose of the dimensions and lettering that they might conform, not for the purposes of similar binding & marbling.

Quest. Do they not both conform in the size, binding, marbling, lettering & general appearance?

Ans. They do, and this excited my surprise when the porter brought it. The porter reported that the Stationer said that it was the last that he had, and that he was lucky in getting it.

Quest. Do not the ruling & the pages & the paper conform with the original book?

Ans. Yes I do

Quest. Are there not in the original book 4444 pages?

Ans. Yes.

Quest. Are they not with the exception of the pages above enumerated as written on pair 2 m's condition to receive entries?

Ans. Yes.

Quest. Are the Comm's accounts kept in the original weighers book.

Ans. Mr. Bott in the original weighers book the settlements of the Treasurer with the Comm from May 1838 to July 1838 are copied & recorded by Hayhurst in the hand writing of Mr Kelly

There is also copied in the same book the settlement between the Treasurer & Comm from May 31st 1838 to January 11th 1839 in the hand writing of Mr Parker.

Quest. Does the said original weighers book contain the entries of the accounts between the Matter and Refiner with the Treasurer.

Ans. It contains a Copy of the settlement between the Matter & Refiner from July 1838 including

Mr. Brad[illegible]

dates of July 9. 10. 11. 12. 19. 19 follow
by entry of June 9th 1838 on the debit
side, & on the Credit side are several
entries of July with specifications of
the day.

The account is also crossed.

Next follows a copy of account &
settlement of said Mather & Hopper
with Edmund Quincy Treasurer com-
mencing March 31st 1838 and
ending January 1838 & purporting
to be signed 31st January 1839 tho' com.

Next follows Copy of account of
Mather & Hopper with Treasurer com-
mencing March 31st 1838 but
ended in January 1839 and con-
taining an entry dated February
1st 1839 all in Richard Parker's hand-
writing

Next follows copy of Mather & Hopper's
account with Treasurer com-
mencing March 31st 1838 and ter-
minating 1st July 1838 in the same
writing of Mr. Tilly and Cooper.

Next follows Copy of Mather
& Hopper's account with Treasurer
commencing 31st March 1838

running down to April 30th 1839
in the hand-writing of Richard
Parker.

Sept 1 follows Copy of account of
Chief Coiner with treasurer commencing
May 21st 1838 & running down to July 27th 1838
in Mr Selby's hand-writing & cross'd.

Sept 1 follows Copy of Coiner's
account with Treasurer commen-
cing May 21st 1838 & running down
to the 11th of January 1839 which is
the last entry in the book & is from
pages 202 & 203. The other accounts
above detailed covering pages 2.
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 29, 30, 31, 32, & 33.

Quest. In what book or books
are the originals to be found from
whence these Copies have been taken
Ans. From no books. The settle-
ments were made & signed on sepa-
rate sheets of paper in January
last to July 1838 the warrants
were made up & signed from ac-
counts stated. The settlement of
accounts I believe are in the Treasurer's
Office. The pages mentioned are copies
such settlements & accounts stated

Mr. Bradford

By Mr. Mitchell.

Quest. Is there any book kept in the Treasurer's Office in which is carefully recorded on the very day of any transfer between the Treasurer's Office & the Melter & Refiner's, the particulars of the Nature & amount of such transfer.

Ans. There is no such book in the Treasurers Office, there is however a careful record of the transfers of Bullion from the Treasurer to the Melter & Refiner which is on the Ledgers of Gold & Silver Bullion & this by the express understanding of the Melter & Refiner, the Clerks of my self from March 1838 to February 1839.

And this understanding I think continues up to this time undisputed, with the exception of the Cases deposits.

There is a book purporting to be a record of transfers of bullion from the Treasurer to the Melter and Refiner commencing March 18th 1838 in the hand writing

Mr. Lilly

Quest. Do the said books thus commenced by Mr. Lilly are there any entries of deliveries to Mather & Reynes subsequent to 25th January 1839 down to May 20th 1839.

Ans. There are none between January 25th 1839 to May 20th in the said books

Quest. Were there not large & frequent deliveries of bullion between the Treasurer & Mather & Reynes between the 25th January to the 20th of May 1839.

Ans. There were almost daily deliveries I think from Jany 25th to April 28th 1839, from that last period deposites have been received for last mentd.

This daily delivery was at the strenuous suggestion of the Mather & Reynes for his convenience

Examination resumed on behalf of Mr. Maxwell

Quest. Is it possible from the gold or silver bullion register to ascertain on what particular day any particular amount of bullion

bullion has been delivered to
the Melter & Refiner?
Ans. It is, I know that the
first entry on the 8th of March
1838. 26 Bars of silver deposi-
ted by Lizardi & Co. were de-
livered to the Melter & Refi-
er as appears on the register.
I have no such particular rec-
ollection of the other entries but was
present when many deliveries
were made by the Treasurer.

By Mr. Riddle.

Quest. Can you tell by that
Register on what day of April
Charles Boyland deposited silver
was delivered to the Melter &
Refiner.

Ans. On the 10th of April, I
think so because I know it was
a small deposite quickly melted
for assay & redelivered after assay
to the Depositor.

It is possible that it might
have been on the 11th.

It appears by the bullion regis-
ter that this deposit was receiv-
ed at the Mint on the 10th & was paid

Mr. Burdett

on the 12th On the weighing book
the deposit of C. Boylan appears to
have been received at the Assist on
the 9th of April & it is possible that
it might have been delivered on
the 9th it being a small deposit.

Being asked from inspection
of the Weighing-book & Register
whether he would be able to swear
that Charles Boylan's deposit was
delivered to the Assist on the 9th
10th or 11th April. Answer that
I am certain from the inspection of the books that it
was on one of those days
Quest. What do the words "when
received" mean in the Register of
Silver Bullion.
Ans. I do not know whether
they mean the date of or the day of
Assay.
Quest. Would it appear that James
R Conner's deposit was received
on the 10th of April 1839.
Ans. Yes & this deposit is dated
16th of April 1839. under the words
"when received" in the bullion register

Quest. Can you state from ex-
amination of the Bullion Regis-
on what day this deposit was deliv-
ered to the Metter & Refiner?
Ans. I can not.
Quest. Would you not consider
it necessary to rely on the bullion
Register to ascertain on what day
the bullion was delivered to the
Metter & Refiner.
Ans. I would.

Examination resumed
by Mr. Maxwell

Quest. Which of the two weigh
books contains a true Copy of
the first account settled with
the Metter & Refiner.
Ans. The first account is contain-
ed in the original book in
Mr Lilly's hand writing in which
I issued our warrants. The new
book contains an amount of sun-
dry deliveries from Treasurer
to Metter on which Monthly
warrants have been made out
the first account in the new
book is in Mr. Parker's writing

Mr. Bradford

Quest. When were these Monthly warrants made out.
Ans. Since the first of February last. By Mr. Riddell
Quest. To what account are the entries in the old Ledgers taken between Auditor & Treasurer from commencing March 8th 1838 & going down the abstract by county dates and names of depositors to July 1838) a copy to be obtained to direct the Clerk of the Treasurer to produce the original of such copy in the ledgers book?
Ans. I find that the Clerk produced only an abstract from the accounts & I think that the account from which the Clerk copied was the property of Mr. Maxwell. I distinctly remember having seen Mr. Selby copying the entries from loose sheets.
I think that I have heard Mr. Maxwell say that these entries were made by Mr. Selby from his, Mr. Maxwells accounts

which I think were also in
Mr Lilly's hand writing when
I saw Lilly copying them.

Genl Mc Bradford called
for the books and the accounts
of the Melter & Refiner on the
subject her before referred to.

The book was produced
by Mr Maxwell. It is a
book labelled on the back
"Silver" "Melter and
Refiners Office."

The heading of the book pro-
duced is as follows

"Dr Melter & Refiner his ac
of Silver Bullion in ac with
Treasurer Cr

And purports to contain
daily entries in detail of
deposites of Bullion received
by the Melter & Refiner with
a particular discription of
depositors names & of the weight
quality &c.

Mr Haywood added that
he does not know that he has
ever received any account or

settlement from the Treasurer.

Mr. Bradford says that he does not see in the book produced any writing of Mr. Lilly's although he has frequently seen Mr. Lilly writing in Mr. Maxwell's Office.

By Mr. Maxwell

Quest. Are there not to be found in the weight Book & Registers in the Treasurer's Office all materials in detail of state accounts & names from which to make up the original accounts of which you consider the detailed accounts in the Original Weigher's book a Copy.

Ans. Yes.

Adjourned to tomorrow 4 O'clock P.M.

At the sitting of the 24th Mr. Maxwell Exhibits the following written explanation which was received.

That my answer to the question, whether I had received

Mr. Bradford

any Statements may be fully
understood I minuted whilst that
I had in my mind such statements
or copies of settlements as were
presented that evening & also
those required to be by Mr Drayton
when speaking of the settlements
made by Mr Tilly of the settlement
in August 1838 from which the
said accounts in the weighers
book were transcribed.

I have received the balances
at different periods on slips of
paper without date or signature
up to the time of the last shipment
by Mr Abbot that time on request-
ing a statement of the whole acct
of Silver Bullion &c he wrote
to me specifying date &c
of the last shipment, I was furnished
with an account current of Sil-
ver bullion with the signa-
ture of the Treasurer; & also
an account shewing the balance
of gold without his signature

June 25th 1839.

Met agreeably to adjournment
Same persons present

Mr. Maxwell submitted
a written explanation of his ans-
wer to a question propounded to
him at the last meeting & which
he requested to be annexed
to the proceedings of that day.
His request was granted.

By Mr. Stiebell

The accounts for settlement &
between the Treasurer & the Assts
& Assessor & Comr were made out
from various books, on flying sheets
Mr. Silby suggested the propriety
of providing a book in which
to record those accounts
which on being communicated
to Mr. Maxwell he approved of
The book was purchased by my
order & was styled the "Weighers book"
at the instance of some
person I do not know who.
The first book styled the
"weighers book" was purchased on
the 7th of July 1838 & the second

No. 2. Bullion

book of the same Style was
purchased 21st of May 1839.

There was no such book
sent by the Director at Phil-
adelphia for the use of
this branch Mint.

The difference between
the book entitled the
Weighers Book and the
book called the weigh-
ing book is that the
weighing book contains an
account of the daily deposites
the weight before & after melt-
ing: & the Weighers book was
intended for the purposes
above enumerated.

The books sent from Phil-
adelphia were "the Silver
Bullion weighing Book"
Second the Gold Ditto.
The Register of Gold Bullion
Fourth. The Register of Silver
ditto.
5th. The bullion Journal.
6th. The Bullion Ledger.
7th. The Journal of ordinary accounts

Mr. Bradford

8th Ledger of ordinary accounts
9th A large number of small
Bank books.

The last book denominated
the Weighers book was substi-
tuted for the original ones,
because, I found the original
one defaced & it had commenced
very erroneously, & I wish the
new book to contain a Copy of
the Monthly reports of bullion re-
ceived for coinage & coins struck
and also a Copy of the quarterly
accounts between the Treasurer,
Melter & Refiner, & Coiner.

I do not know why this
book was called the Weighers book
& I think the title very erroneous
I think it ought to have been
called "Copy of returns by Treas-
urer to Superintendent" or Rec-
ord of Monthly & Quar-
terly reports"

Mr Bradford here stated
that he had drawn up in
writing his further reasons for
not believing Mr Haywell to be an

honest man. The receiving of the reasons was postponed.

On Behalf of Mr. Maywell

I do not know what Mr. Maywell's advice to Mr. Lilly was with regard to the keeping of the weigher's book & whether that advice was followed or not.

Quest. Please point out the errors in the original Weigher's book which induced the crossing of the entries in the original Weigher's book.

Ans. Mr. Dimsey from whom I derived my information is better able to answer the question.

Quest. In what book are the accounts opened between the Melter & Refiner & the Treasurer; also between the Treasurer & the Mint referred to in your letter to the director of the Mint dated 18th February 1837.

Ans. In answer to this question I refer to the Treasurers his Clerk

Mr. Bradford

Quest. Was not the leaves which were torn from the weighing tom to pieces & thrown into the pit place among the rubbish of the Office & secured there from after the discovery by Mr. Mayfield of the depredation which had been committed on the book.

Ans. From my own knowledge I know nothing about it & refer to Mr. Parker's statement.

Quest. Did not Dr. Hart send back by you an assay piece which he supposed he had taken from the Casas deposite & saying that it was a mistake; that he was then satisfied he had taken a piece from each of the bars of Dickenson's deposite; that he should have taken but one; & therefore supposed that the other had been taken from the Casas Deposite?

Ans. Dr. Hart sent back a piece, which he stated had not been assayed. I do not now recollect the expression expressed by Dr. Hart to the Casas deposite, at that time.

U. S. Bradford

I brought the assay piece from the Assayer's room to the weighing room & compared it with the bars of the Eichnor deposits & it did not appear to be taken therefrom.

The bars of the Eichnor deposits were in the possession of the Melter & Refiner & brought from his vault into the weighing room & were represented to be the Eichnor deposits by the Melter & Refiner. Whether they were or not I do not know. But from the first I was of the impression, & now have a strong conviction that they were not the Eichnor deposits.

Quest. Did an investigation in to the cases Deposits take place after Dr. Hart refused to be present, in the presence of the other Officers of the New Orleans Branch Mint.

Ans. An investigation did take place without the presence of the other Officers being required, having determined to make it myself, but the investigation

A. B. Bradford

Mr. Bradford.

was never concluded.

I first ordered the af-
says to inspect the bars
represented as the Tichnor
deposite, & I next sought
for & inquired the D. Casas
about a week afterwards the
number of Dollars he depos-
ited, which I found to be $200
Mr. Quimby told me that his
original impression was that
it was a deposite of $200 but
that he had not counted them
Quest. Did you hear Quimby
say that if the Casas deposi-
te could not be found that
he would make it up?
Ans. Quimby told me that
he had said so sarcastically
to the Matter & Holmes.

I know that he was the
Treasurers Clerk & was bound
for all that he had received
& not delivered to the Matter.
Quest. What means had Mr.
Maxwell for calculating the
amount of bullion in the Treas-
urer's vault when the difficulty arose
about the Casas deposite?
Ans. The records in the
weigh room.

Mr. Bradford.

Quest. What was the amount found to be on hand?
Ans. I do not know.
Quest. Will you produce the book & point out the entries that they may be here examined?
Ans. Refer to Mr. Dimitry
Quest. Did the Treasurer approve of Mr. Spofford's refusing to deliver to you the key of his Vault? Did you apply to the Treasurer for it before you demanded it from his Clerk?
Did you not dismiss the Treasurers Clerk for refusing to deliver you the key & communicating that it was the duty of the Treasurer to keep the key of his Vault?
Ans. I do not know whether the Treasurer approved or disapproved of said Spofford's refusal. I applied to the Treasurer before demanding the key of his Clerk. I did not ask Mr. Spofford for the key but requested the Treasurer to get the key from Mr. Spofford; and the next day Mr. Forrest returned & the gentlemen say that Mr. Dimitry

Mr. Bradford.

Mr. Dimitry ought not to have the Key asked for the reason for dismissing Professor Draper to them written at the time under date of the 16th January 1839.

Quest. Was not the warrant taken together with the instructions from Philadelphia received or ready as early as July 1838?

Ans. The instructions were, but the warrants were not ready till September 1838.

Quest. Has the money from which the ordinary expenses of the New Orleans Branch Mint were paid been kept separate from that received from that for coinage in exchange for small coins and are the accounts of payments kept separate?

Ans. I refer for answer to the Treasurer & his Clerks.

Quest. Are you of the same opinion as to the condition of the Treasurer's books as was expressed in your letter to the Director covering a letter from the Treasurer of 16th February 1839

Ans. Same.

Question. Do you know who prepared for his signature the Treasurer's letter of the 16th of Feby 1839?
Ans. I do not know.
Quest. Did you or Dr. Hunt take any part or assist in framing that letter?
Ans. I did not. I thought Mr Swinney prepared it by the direction of Mr Forstall. I do not know whether Dr Hunt assisted in preparing it.
Quest. In detailing to the Director your opinion & the reasons for that opinion in relation to the Cases deposited why did you omit so important a fact as having seen it in the Letter & Reports room? After it was mentioned, if you then supposed you had seen it.
Ans. I do not know why I rather think it came to my recollection since.
Quest. If there be any confusion in the numbering on the weighing books, how could Mr Hayward be answerable therefor?

Mr Bradford

Answer. I do not know that he is so answerable except from what I have heard from Mr Comstock & of the Lawyer.

Quest. Was it not the study of the Weigher to furnish the Mother & Assignee with the numbers of each parcel sent in?

Ans. I think it was.

Quest. Did not Dr Horton's letter to you give information that he believed the Dollars from Cases were melted because they were entered on the right hand side of the weigh book?

Ans. I believe that was one of the reasons given by Dr Hort.

Quest. Will you produce that letter?

Ans. It is on file already — I can't produce it. I think I sent two original letters, from Dr Hort. & the Director in Philadelphia, & I think that reason was contained in one of them. I enquired of Dr Hort whether he would furnish me with copies; He said that he would, and he furnished them on file

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Mr. Broadhead

Question. Could you not long since, have paid the small certificates such as $47.22/100 $173.33/100 & $263.55/100 held by the Commercial banks and other small ones held by others, & thereby have saved the expense of $6 on each, which has accrued, & has prevented much of the Public Clamour.

Ans. I do not know & refer this Question for answer to the Treasurer.

Quest. Has there not been paid out twenty times that amount for subsequent Requisites

Ans. I do not know

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June th 20th 1839.

While Mr Bradford was under examination Mr James W Breedlove the Collector of the Customs of the Port of New-Orleans, & Mr George O Kerr the Cashier of the Commercial Bank, who had been summoned as witnesses appeared; Mr Bradfords examination was suspended to make way for taking the testimony of the above named gentlemen.

Mr Breedlove was sworn by the Notary.

Examined by Mr Nicholas the Commissioner

My transactions with the Mint have been very limited, I have occasionally paid them money on drafts drawn by the Treasury to a considerable amount. Once made a deposite of about $1060 in bullion and hammered dollars & a certificate of deposite was returned; which on being sent to the Mint about three weeks a month afterwards, the amount was sent to me principally in half dollars.

Mr. Breedlove

U.S. Bonds

During the suspension of specie payments many of the payers of duty bonds called on me to be informed whether I would receive the certificates of the Branch Mints in payment of their bonds as specie was difficult to be obtained & at a premium varying from 10 to 24 pct. I was indebted to receive the certificates of the Mint in limited amounts from such persons as had large amounts to pay, or such persons as found difficulty in raising money. The amount received by me was about $20.000 about 10 or 11.000 of which I transfered to the Mississippi banks, & about 5 or 9.000 to the Commercial bank.

The first amount named I have never since heard of.

The amount held by the Commercial Bank remained unpaid up to a short time since. Some Weeks ago the Cashier of the Commercial Bank informed me that he had

that he had made repeated
applications for the amount in
Coin, that he could neither get coin
nor any satisfactory promise at what
time it could be had. & that the
bank was determined to have
the Certificates protested and de-
manded for the amount, on which
I had placed my endorsement as Col-
lector. I there stated to the Cashier
that it was very unpleasant to me
to learn that the Mint could not
deliver the Coin and still more un-
pleasant to learn that they were
determined to enter protest on the
several Certificates held by them
and requested that the Bank
would delay proceeding to such
a step, and that I would endeavor
to have some arrangement made
by which the Mint could pay up
all the certificates. To this delay
the Bank consented, I immedi-
ately addressed a note to the Treasu-
rer of the Mint informing him of the
course intended by the Banks and
begged of him to take up these Cer-
tificates to be applied to my note

that the Coiner had failed to
furnish him with coin conse-
quently he could not take up
the Certificates, about this time.
The Superintendent of the Mint
called on me for the purpose
of effecting some arrangement by which
he could take up all the Certificates
then out, which amounted to
about $50,000 or that $50,000
would pay all the pressing de-
-mands. Which of these remarks
were made by Mr. Bradford I
do not now recollect. I informed
Mr. Bradford, that as collector of
the Customs I could not aid him
in such Bank arrangement, but as
President of the Atchafalaya
Bank I would agree to furnish
$50,000 in specie upon his pro-
-ducing evidence of the Secretary
of the Treasury having placed
to the Credit of the Bank at the
U. S. Mint in Philadelphia that
sum. To this proposition Mr. Bradford
replied that he was under the im-
pression the deposite would be
made in Philadelphia on his

Mr. Burden's

application to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Bradford addressed a letter to the Secretary asking the Amount in Philadelphia. I, also, wrote to the Secretary of the Treasury informing him of the great complaints of the holders of the Certificates & of their threats to have them protested, & stated the proffer made by me to Mr. Bradford to furnish the $50.000 in Specie, on a similar amount being deposited at the Mint in Philadelphia.

I also informed the Secretary that from what I had heard throughout the City, there must be something wrong at the Mint, & that my opinion was, that the public interest required an investigation into the affairs of the Mint; & recommended that a competent man should be sent out for that purpose.

To my communication Mr. Woodbury answered, that large sums of money had been already furnished to the Branch

Mr. Buckhouse

and that no further sums could be and now advanced to it and if the holders of the Certificates were not satisfied to wait until the Mint could furnish the coin they had the right to demand and receive the amount in bullion. Mr. Woodbury further informed me that an investigation into the affairs of the Mint had been ordered.

On the receipt of this letter I sent Mr Bradford in the street & informed him of its contents. He replied that the Mint could not return to the holders of the Certificates their several amounts in bullion, as their several parcels deposited could not be identified.

Mr. Bradford then stated to me, that he felt assured that he would be enabled to take up the certificates held by the Commercial Bank in the course of a week or ten days.

This information I immediately communicated to the Cashier of the Bank who has agreed

Mr. Bradford

to wait ten days; the ten days expired and the banks again informed me that they had no funds for the amount, and had received no satisfactory information as to any specific time when the amounts would be paid to them and consequently they should have the certificates protested, which they had done as I was furnished with notices as endorsers, & when I should have heard nothing more of the protest or Certificate

The Certificates taken by me as Collector in payment of duty Bonds & protested are as follows viz.

Silver Bullion No 94	dated 22 June 1838 favr of Mde Lizardi & Co for	$1725.52
Gold Bullion No 17	dated 21 June 1838 in favr Sam	381. 11
Silver Bullion No 16	dated 14 May 1838 in favr of Stanwix Prest & Ofcer	343. 85
		$2450. 98

On being asked whether he had formed any satisfactory opinion of the evident dissatisfaction with the public in relation to the Mint.

Answers I have never been in the building but once previous to this day. And then it was while the Machinery was about being put up.

I have no knowledge of the administration of the affairs with the Mint.

My acquaintance with the Officers is confined to Mr Bradford & Mr Forstall, I have seen Dr Mott but once before.

Questioned as to the competency of the Officers

Answers. I have long known Mr Forstall I believe him to be incompetent to discharge his duties at the Mint, I have long looked upon him as being incompetent to the transaction of any business, he was formerly a Cotton Broker & I consider him as incompetent for that occupation.

I never became acquainted with

Mr Bradford

Mr. Bradford visited about the
period of his appointment to the
Mint, & since that period I have
had frequent occasion to meet
him at my Office. I have had many
conversations with him.

The opinion I have formed of
Mr. Bradford is, that he is wanting
in the energy necessary to his sta-
tion & I once said to him "If I
was Captain I would be Captain".
This opinion I have never be-
fore expressed unless called for
as on this occasion, never would
have done so.

Being unacquainted with the
other officers I have no opinion
of their competency.

Examined on behalf of
Mr. Bradford

At about the time of Mr.
Bradford's taking charge of the
Mint he called upon me and
expressed a desire of going on to
Philadelphia to make himself ac-
quainted with his duties, he said they
were new to him and that he was anxious

Mr. Bradford

to make himself familiar with them, That he had not funds sufficient to defray his expenses and requested of me to take his draft in order to furnish him with the means, I answered that I was not authorized so to do & could not.

Mr Bradfords object being to go through the Mint in Philadelphia & by his examination there to learn his duties.

Quest. Did you ever hold any conversation previous to that time with any individual connected with the Mint in relation to Mr Bradfords contemplated trip to Philadelphia, If so who was the person and what was the conversation?

Ans. I have no such recollection, I have no means of knowing what was Mr. Bradfords conduct in his official duties & intercourse with the Government or the Director at Philadelphia.

I do not know how Mr. Bradford has conducted his official business here

Mr. Bradford

Question. Have you any reason to
believe that the payment of the cer-
tificates you have mentioned would have
been withheld by the Mint, had it
been furnished by the Coiner with
the means of doing so?
Ans. I have no reason to believe
that the payment would have been
withheld if the proper Officer had had
the means of doing so; I have always
looked upon Mr. Bradford & the
Eyestate as honest men.
Quest. What gave rise to the remark
which you have stated to
have made to Mr. Bradford that
if you were Captain you would be
Captain Mr?
Ans. The remark was produced
by a conversation I had with Mr
Bradford on the subject of the
other Officers of the Mint. Mr Bradford
had said that some of the other
Officers did not do their duty &
that he could not get it done by them.
It was then I said that I could
have it done or know the reasons
why it

Mr. Bradford

why it was not done, that if I was
Captain I would be Captain.

At this Conversation Mr
Bradford informed me that he had
applied for the removal of some of
the Officers.

Examined on behalf of
Messrs Maxwell & Tyler

Quest. Did you ever undertake
to decide which of the Officers was
faulty & concur in the recommenda-
tion of their removal?

Ans. I never did. I would not recom-
mend the removal of an Officer, without
a hearing. I think I may have said that
if the Officers, complained of were thus
guilty of dereliction that they ought
to be removed.

Quest. Have any circumstances
come to your knowledge to induce
you to believe that Mr Maxwell
the Melter & Refiner has ever combined
or cooperated with the bank presi-
dent or with members of Congress to
put down the Bank United at
New Orleans

Mr. Brandon

Ans. No.

Quest. Have any circumstances come to your knowledge to induce you to believe that the official conduct of the Coiner & Melter & Refiner or either of them has been influenced by any aversion or opposition to the Government?

Ans. I have no knowledge

Mr. Brodhead
Mr. Hall.

Examination of Mr. Hall Cashier of the Commercial Bank by Mr. Riddell the Commissioner. Mr. Hall was sworn by the Notary.

I am the Cashier of the Commercial Bank. The amount of Gold Certificates of the Mint which were held on the 17th inst. by the Bank was $14.329.09 including costs of protests.

The amount of the New Orleans Branch Mint Silver Certificates held by the bank at the same period 17th inst was $3.321.35 including costs of protests. Which said amount in gold & silver inclusive all held by the bank with the Mint.

month of June.

The greater portion of these certificates have been held upwards of six months & during that period I have been in the habit of sending about once a week to demand payment.

Until within the last month or two the answer has been that they would be settled for in a few days, even the next week.

After that I instructed the messenger to take payment in Bank notes either in Coin. In these last rolls, the answer was that they could not be settled for at the time.

The messenger stated that he sometimes saw the Treasurer and sometimes other Officers, that he was referred from one Officer to another without being able to get a satisfactory answer.

Within the last two Months the Banks called upon some of the redeemers to take measures for the payment of the certificates, as no payment could be had at the Mint.

On the 16th Inst. they were protested, and since then Some of the endorsers have paid.

A portion of them have also been paid by Mr. Barker since protest

$3932.13 were paid by endorsers
$7309.35 Amount of Silver Certificates paid by Mr. Barker after protest.
$8384.06 are still under protest unpaid.

I think that the opinion of the mercantile community in New-Orleans is unfavorable to the administration of the affairs of the Mint, arising from a want of punctual payments of certificates.

Examined in behalf of
Mr. Maxwell

While Mr. Stein was the engineer of the Water-Works belonging to the bank, & since he employed Mr. Dimitry the engagement was with Mr. Stein individually and not with the Bank.

Mr. Stein

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Collated.

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Mr Demitry was sworn.
Examined by Mr Shields

He says he is an accountant
has been in the City good business
four years. That he has taught
book keeping, when he was only
sixteen years old. He is now
28 years old

That he had substantially
the control of the affairs of
Mr Forstall, the Treasurer's
Office, while I was his clerk.

From the 1st of January 1839
Mr Forstall usually comes
to his office every day, except
Sundays. He comes at about
a quarter before 11 in the
morning & remains until
about 1½ or quarter of 2 o'clock
P.M.

Being asked, whether
Mr Forstall is, or is not
competent to the duties of
the office of Treasurer.

Answers that being a clerk
he does not think that he
should decide upon the com-
petency of the officers over him
& declines answering.

Mr Demitry

June 24th

Quest. Was there any other reason for tearing the leaf out of the weighing book, than the desire of having a clean or fair book?
Ans. the only reason was to have a clean & fair book to hand to the men clerks

Quest. Was this leaf torn out without the authority of the Treasurer or Superintendent?
Ans. Yes.

Quest. Why was no date kept in the weighing book of the delivery of Bullion to the Melter & Refiner?
Ans. It followed precedent, it had never been done.

Quest. Are there in the Treasurer's office any contemporaneous record of the delivery of the Gold deposits to the Melter & Refiner?
Answer None detailed, but the general usage, which has been followed according to the Melters directions.

Quest. What were the original figures on the left hand side of the column in the weighing Book over which the figures

Mr Dennistoun

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183 lb 5 oz are written?

Ans. I am inclined to believe that they were 86, for when weighed found to be 173 lb 5 oz before melting

Question What were the exact figures written on the said Column at the time when the Button was received

Ans. I am inclined to believe 86.

Quest. Did not this same plate one contain the figures 17 lb. 5 oz

Ans. No. It appears that there were an 8 & a 6 before 5 or there is over the 8 a 7 & over the 6 a 3 yet now reads 173 lb 5 oz

Quest. What do these figures 173 lb 5 oz written over an erasure denote?

Ans. The weight of the bass deposite before melting.

Question When were these changes made in these figures?

Ans. Upon weighing them.

Question Why were the figures 86 originally put down as the weight of the bass deposite?

Answer Yet was 86 by this

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I presume from their being in my own handwriting) because persons were in the habit of depositing only $100 which were taken at the average of 86.50. without being weighed but perceiving by the bulk that it must have been more, I weighed it & found it to be 173.50.

Quest. From the appearance of the bags deposited could you suppose that it was only $100.

Ans. It was from the appearance that I supposed it to be more.

Being asked if he has any clear & distinct recollection of how the figures 86.50 were put down

Answer. I have not, except from analogy.

Question Did you ever make any entries in the weighing book without either counting or weighing?

Ans. All the small deposits were entered without being weighed & then counted by the Sworn

Mr Dimity

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for the purpose of being sent
-fied.

Quest. How the figures of
small deposites sometimes
entered before being counted
or being weighed?

Ans. The small deposites
on the iron leaf were entered
before being either counted
or weighed. the reason for
this was to ascertain the
priority of right of the depos-
-itors to receive their small
change.

2 Quest. What is the meaning
of the words "When received"
in the caption of the Register
of Silver Bullion?

Ans. It signifies the date
of the depositors certificate.

2 Quest. If the neighing book
had disappeared from the
mint on the 18th of April 1839
would there have existed in
the Mint any record of the
Gasas deposite?

Ans. There would have been
no other way of verifying
it, but Gasas' receipt.

Quest. Kindly inform us
the iron leaf, are the figures

* Dr. Patterson

** Dr. Patterson reminds the inquiring
Clerk, as a matter of fact, that
the Director's certificate of
deposit is antedated.

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183 30, indicating the Casas depo
site?
Ans. In my own.
Quest. What do these figures
183 30, of the Damien Casas
deposite in the weighing book
denote?
Ans. The weight after melting
& before assay.
Quest. When were these figures
put there?
Ans. on the 16th of April.
Quest. How do you know
they were put there on the
16th of April?
Ans. Because I sent the
deposite to the melter & it
was returned to me melted
on the same day.
Quest. When did you hand
this Bullion to the assayer
to be assayed?
Ans. I cannot tell with-
out reference to the certi-
ficate; the captain of the
certificate was filled up
by me before delivery to
the assayer.
Quest. The report of the
assayer being exhibited to
witness he says that it was

H. Damien

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on the 18th day of April 1839
deliverd to him.

Quest. Why was not the bars
Bullion handed to Dr Short
on the 18th of April

Ans. Bullion has never been
payed on the day of deposite
except on one or two occasions.

Question. Why was not the date
of this deposite, the name of
the depositor, the description
& number of Bullion & the
weight after melting filled
up by you upon a Blank
Assayers report on the 18th of
April?

Ans. I cannot say whether
these items were filled up on
the Blank Assayers report on
the 18th of April, but, it was
certainly not later than the
18th. because it is the upper
date of the certificate.

Quest. Whether, at the time
when the bars Bullion
was returned, after melting
before assay by the Melter &
Refiner to you, any discussion
took place as to an excess
of weight between you & the
Melter & Refiner?

Mr Dimmick

June 24th

Int. No.

Quest. Did you observe at the time of receiving said Bullion after melting, that you had put down the weight upon deposite at 173.50 & that the weight after melting gave 183.50?

Ans. As soon as I had an opportunity I remarked it to the Melter & Refiner; If not on the same day, it was the next, I thought that I had made a mistake, I mentioned it again on the 21st to the Melter & Refiner.

Quest. Who delivered that Bullion to you after melting?

Ans. I do not recollect.

Quest. Is it your custom to weigh Bullion as soon as it comes back from the Melters office?

Ans. yes.

Quest. What is done with this Bullion after melting as soon as it is weighed by you?

Ans. I put it into the vault.

A. Quarles

Jane 24th

Quest. Had you on the 18th of April any assistant in the Merchant's Office?

Ans. At that time none other than Mr Dunn, the Porter, but I cannot positively say whether he was present, or not about the office.

Quest. What conversation took place, on the 18th or 19th of April between you & Mr Maxwell in relation to this cargo of weight of Brass' deposite?

Ans. Mr Maxwell paid no attention to my remarks stated above as to such cargo.

Quest. Did you ever at any time have any definite discussion with him on the subject of this deposite, if so, when?

Ans. I have no perfect recollection, but suppose that it was about the 22d or 23d of April.

Quest. Did you so satisfy yourself before the 28th of April that the error as to weight of this deposite was your own?

Mr Dimmitt

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Ans. M. I have become satisfied to-day, that there was no error on my part.

Quest. Were you so satisfied that there was no error on your part on the 22d of April.

Ans. M.

Quest. Did you make the payment to Casas yourself or was it made under your direction?

Ans. It was made by the Porter under my direction.

Quest. Was the receipt of the 11th of April in favor of Casas filled up by you in your own hand writing.

Ans. Yes.

Quest. By whom was it signed

Ans. It was signed by myself the signature was torn off which is always done on the receipt destroyed on the delivery of the certificate.

Quest. What is the meaning of the entry on the weighing Book at the Casas opposite of the words "paid in small change" (June 10th)

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June 26th

Quest. When was that entry made?
Ans. It was a memorandum
made by me to know the
amount of small change
in the vault to guide me
in the premises to depositor
Jonas, Sebelin, made on the
21st of April.
Quest. Is the settling up of
the Mint certificate in favor
of Casas in your hand writing
Ans. Yes.
Quest. When was this certifi-
cate issued to Casas, & when
was it returned by him?
Ans. The issue & return by
him, Casas, endorsed here
simultaneous, & the payment
of the $212.31 to Casas was
also simultaneous.
Quest. Why did you pay
$212.31 to Casas when he only
held & produced a receipt
for $75.07?
Ans. The standard is cal-
culated from the first
weight after melting, first
before, & the value from
such standard.
Quest. Were you not aware of the fact

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that Mexican Dollars usually range at about the same Standard?

Ans. There is great uniformity in Mexican Dollars.

Quest. Did Estes demand more than $ 211?

Ans. He did as he received the Money from the Post Natural counting it.

Quest. Why did you pay to Estes an order over the original receipt given to him without a demand of such as was by him & before you had satisfied yourself on the subject of the discrepancy of the weight before & the weight after melting, then appearing on the weighing book?

Answer. The actual weight after melting was 113.50 & the calculations are made from the gross weight after melting & not before.

Quest. Did you before the payment report this discrepancy either to the Treasurer or to the Superintendent

Ans. No.

Mr Dimitt

June 24th 1839

Quest. Had the superintendents ever before this period written or made to you any suspicion of dishonesty on the part of Mr Maxwell?

Ans. I believe not.

Quest. Did you make the entry of the 60 oz as deposite in the Register of Silver bullion if so at about what time?

Ans. I made it myself on the 18th of April 1839.

Quest. Are you sure you made it on that day?

Ans. I think so, because, as soon as I receive the Assayers report I verify the calculations I am in the habit of making the entries in the Register of Silver Bullion.

Quest. After the deposite of 60 oz was assayed, what did you do with it?

Ans. I do not recollect precisely, but it must have been returned to the melter the same day, or the day after. It is only from this circumstance that the Melter & Refiner has refused to receive Smith's deposits

J. Dimsdale

June 24

Quest. Have you any record made at the time either in the Treasurer's office, or in your possession of the delivery of this Bullion after assay to the Melter & Refiner?

Ans. The declarations of the Melter & Refiner serve to charge him monthly with all the Bullion that came to the Mint.

Quest. Did you make any entry at the time of this delivery to the Melter & Refiner in a weigh book?

Ans. I did not, the Melter & Refiner is not charged by the Gross weight, he is charged by the Standard weight according to the assayer's report. The gross weight may weigh 1107 & the Standard only 1000 &c. & the clerk can only know from the assayer's report.

Quest. Do you recollect whether any change in the weights of the Brass deposits still remained in the scales when returned from the Melter & Refiner's office?

J. Dewitt

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Ans. Yes they had not been removed.

Quest. Do you recollect whether any change in the weights, thus remaining in the Locks was necessary at those weighings either by addition or withdrawal?

Ans. Ans. An addition was necessary.

Being asked whether the certificate in favor of Basas remained in the book, without being cut out, before Basas endorsed it.

Answered this always left in the book when the inspections are simultaneous, as in these cases.

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Mr Demitry, with reference to the question put on the 24th inst. "Whether the certificate in favor of Basas remained in the Book, without being cut out, before he, Basas endorsed it" of his answer thereunto, now desires to add the following "I am inclined to believe that it was cut out

Mr Demitry

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because he had to wait a
considerable time for his
change, & had to follow no=
=tation for his turn." There
were a great many people in
the office & he had to wait more
than an hour.

Examination of Mr Dem=
=ry continued by Mr Shields.

Quest. When was the copy of
the town sheet re-made in
the weighing book, & by
whom?

Ans. Immediately after it
was commenced, the copy was
re-made by Mr Parker in
the weighing book. It must
have been made either on the
20th or 21st.

Quest. Did you give any di=
=rection to Mr Parker as to
how he should copy the entry
of the basas deposite from
the town sheet?

Ans. I gave him no special
directions as to how he was
to copy the basas deposite

Question. Will you state how
a person copying without
special instructions the basas
deposite would most probably

Mr Dem=

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copy the figures indicating the weight on deposits before melting.

Ans. I have seen this paper so often, I have reflected so much upon it, that I do not know what impression it would produce upon a stranger. But if I had copied it myself without ever having seen it, or examined it before I should have copied it 173.50 – It being my own handwriting.

Quest. Why did you not specially instruct Mr Parker as to copying this particular entry.

Ans. I never dreamed that it would have been a subject of litigation; I never suspected that any thing of the kind would happen in an institution of this sort.

Quest. Did not Mr Parker copy this weight on deposits before melting as 183.50.

Ans. Such is the fact, but I only know the fact, within a few days, upon examining

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examining the book.

Examined on behalf of Mr. Bradford.

I have heard the testimony of Robards. The Porter ordinarily counts the money when small deposites are paid. Trust. Men are duties put up generally when they are required in payment of small deposites; if in parcels, to what amount?

Ans. When put up in parcels they are put up in $5 $10 packages. The packages are not marked. They are put up in small packages for the convenience of the office, for small amounts of change; When large amounts are put up in packages, it is done by the Porter in his leisure hours, for which he receives a contribution from the depositors; He generally receives 1/pct. A gentleman from Mobile on one occasion gave more. By large amounts I mean $100 & upwards.

The putting up in packages for large depositors is never done except by special

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request. This an arrangement
between the depositor & Porter
with which the office is not
connected.

I have never known
an instance of a fraction in
a package of $10. When a
fraction is necessary it is
paid in loose change.

The money paid to him
was counted by the Porter Mr
Dwyer. I weighed the deposits
when it was brought to the
mint, I attended to the deposits
of the 18th of April.

I make no remark
to the Depositor when it was
weighed as to whether he
would gain or lose, nor did
any one else belonging to the
office do so within my hearing.

I cannot recollect whether
any fractional sum was
paid to Bastas.

Witness recollects a letter
now exhibited to him, addressed
by the superintendent to Mr
Sparhawk, the weigh-Master of
clerk dated the 11th of January 1834

Mr Dwyer

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Mr Spofford did not follow in any respect the directions contained in that letter.

Mr Spofford told me that the Superintendent had nothing to do with him.

After Mr Spofford left I copied all the Assayer's reports & presented them to Mr Maxwell, who told me that he did not stand in need of them. The only reason he had to complain of them was that he did not like Mr Emile Lafore, a former clerk in the office.

I did not follow myself the order directing that the Melter & Refiner be supplied with the Assayers reports; Mr Maxwell was in the habit of coming to the office himself & examining them.

At that time Mr Maxwell told me that we would understand each other very well & that we would have no difficulty.

Jno Adam Kloy

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This intimation of the
fact made Mr Maxwell
mad to the report to
examine may not fur-
nishing him with the
copies of the Reports.

Mr Maxwell told me
that it was not necessary
for me to furnish him
with the copies of the
Assayer's reports.

After Mr Maxwell
had refused to receive the
copies of the Assayer's reports
I showed him the original

I have seen the Book of
the Melter of Refiner alluded
to in the Superintendents
order, directing that the
entries made in the Melter
of Refiner's book be made
to correspond with the
Assayer's reports.

I compared the Melt-
er of Refiner's book with
the Register. The entries in
the Melter of Refiner's book
were generally in Mr Max-
well's handwriting.

I have seen him make

entries himself in that
book. He had pen ink to
the book, used to make entries
in his book from the neighbouring
book & corrected them afterwards
from the Registry; such as the
entries of Silver contained in
Folio, & vice versa, which
cannot be ascertained without
the Assayers check, & certainly
not by the neighbouring book.

The Book in which such
entries, as above described,
were made, was the book
now exhibited & lettered "Silver
Melter & Refiner's office" and
produced on a former occasion

On examining the book
the witness says that it does
not exhibit the date, or amount
of daily receipts of Bullion by
the Melter & Refiner, from the
Treasurer's office.

It is the only book
respecting Silver that I have
ever seen in the Melter & Refi-
ner's possession.

There has been no
book kept in the neighbourhood

Jas Kennedy

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Specifications shewing deficiencies of Bullion in Melter of the several Assays such as is directed in Mr Broadwood's Letter to Spafford of January 14th 1834.

Assay taken after melting by Melter upon weighing I have found a deficiency beyond the extreme limit of 1/2 d. Sometimes upon remarking this to him, he would bring back some parcels of Silver & Gold. Such an occurrence happened on the 15th of March 1839, and a similar one on the 20th of February 1839. The first instance was the one upon which Mr Maxwell made certain remarks enumerated in my written Statement, now on file.

The reason why I did not keep a book containing entries of delivery to Melter of the several Assays as ordered in the Director's letter of 14th January 1839 was that I have never seen any such book

I found when I came into the Establishment a memorandum

Mr Demidoff

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book containing deliveries
to Comer for Melter through
the Treasurer & vice versa.
But it contains no entries of
deliveries of bullion received
from depositors to Melter & Re-
finer. While I was in office I con-
-tinued the entries relating to
the Comer & the others also, as the
book had been originally com-
-menced.

Mr Maxwell never request-
-ed me to keep a book contain-
-ing entries of daily delivery
of bullion to Melter from Trea-
-surer. The Cash deposits
is entered in Melter & Refiners
Book with other entries as
follows (See docu-
ounces quality, standard
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~~pencil Bars the~~) ~~take~~ pencil "not received"
-ment No 1

When the Melter rec-
-eives bullion himself he takes a
memorandum of the number from
the weighing book. when the bullio-
-on is sent to him the mem-
-ber of the deposite is sent
along with it.

M. Dennehy

June 23rd

When the bullion is melted into bars, it comes back with the number of the deposite stamped on it, if this formality be neglected I take the bullion back to the Melter & Refiner & have it so stamped. I do not recollect whether the Cakes deposite before assay was received by Melter & Refiner personally or by one of his men. It went out under Act 100 by melter before assay. very often wrong numbers have been stamped on Bullion in Meltas office, Confusion has often been produced by Misnumbering in Meltas office.

Assayer has several times come to the weighing room to enquire about such misnumbering, being confused thereby.

I have never known any delays on the part of the assayer in making assays, his practice is to come in the morning at about 9 or 10 Oclock & get all that is to be assayed.

Mr Bennett

Mr. Ramsdell

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He has once or twice requested after 2 o'Clock, to receive assay pieces.

I have heard the Melter & Refiner, charge the assayer with changing the number of fist reports. I have heard him do so in the cases of the Richmond & Cassis' deposites & in these cases the alterations were made by myself, that they should correspond with the copy from the form leaf with the corrected book.

I recollect that on the 19th of April last there was a small deposite of $ 57.55/100 of German Gold coins which was returned weighing 7 oz 7 dwt. was taken back & brought back weighing 8 oz 8 dwt. I reported it to the superintendent. I do not now recollect what was then said by the superintendent. I mentioned it again on or about the 16th of April, there were some remarks made by the superintendent which I do not recollect, but I remember that he said there was not sufficient proof

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to provoke an investigation as we were alone; but the general remarks of the superintendent tended to cast a doubt on the Maxwell's honesty. The bullion when returned after assay was found to be 23 m. below the usual quality of such coins, of which numerous deposites had been made.

Examined on behalf of the Maxwell.

I took no record of the weight of said gold when returned for the first time by the Miller & Refiner because the discrepency was so great that I thought it proper to return it to him.

The bar was cracked in numbering at the Mint; this I was brought back in two pieces. I say it was cracked in numbering because Mr Maxwell told me so at the time.

It was returned because it exceeded the original weight it was taken by the Miller I brought back in a single bar

McDermitt

June 25th

Ques: Was not the difference in weight equivalent to the loss in quality?

Ans: I did not calculate it I never knew before that alloy was added before assay.

There is now a suit pending against Mr Maxwell for slander brought by me, because Mr Maxwell charged me with fraud in the case of the Casa Defosite.

As far as the eye of the assayer's assistant can go the assay pieces taken off are similar.

Being asked how the numbering by the melter of Refiner could confuse the Clerk or assayer.

Answers. On one occasion there were two different numbers marked on Bullions, the result after assay was the same. the melter told me that it was the same melt, that he did it to try the assayer. On the Melters Bullion by assayer it is sometimes numbered & sometimes not. I remember four or five cases when it was not numbered.

Mr Dimick

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An extreme case being called for when bullion was short after melting.

The witness states: there are eleven ounces of silver below the extreme limit allowed by law in the case of Robert Slaughter on the 15th of March.

Another case of French five Francs pieces 4808 2/10 07 on the 20th of March deposited by the Atchafalaya Banking Company in which there was beyond the extreme limit-d loss of 8 7/10 oz.

Except in Kelly's case the Bullion never exceeded after melting the original weight.

Quest: Are they not recorded in the same page in the Melter & Refiner's book two other deposites with the Casas deposite which were not delivered to him the Melter & Refiner for Melting either before or after assay; if were they not received from the depositors by you on the same day with the Casas deposite?

Ans: They are recorded on the

Mr Dennistoun

Mr Bradford

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same page two small deposi-
-tes for change each of $100
which were reserved for a
full melt. I refer to the copy
of the sheet annexed for the
particulars.

I never have had in
my possession a copy of the
letter of Mr Bradford to Stof-
-ford of 14th January 1839. But
at the time said letter was writ-
-ten at Mr Bradford's request
I collated the copy now on file
with the original. I believe
said copy to be correct.

Ques. How could Mr Parker
know what entries from the
town sheet were to be entered
on the corrected book without
your particular instructions?

Ans. I refer to my former an-
-swer on the same subject.

Ques. were there four entries
on the town sheet not copied
into the book answr. If so
omitted was it by your or-
-der?

Ans. They were so omitted by
my order. I ordered Mr Parker
not to copy those that were crossed

Ques. How many payments to deposites were
made

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at the Mint on the 20th of Sept.
Ans: Short.
Ques: Did you compare this
Copy from the torn sheet into
the book with the torn sheet
before the torn sheet was dis-
carded?
Ans: I do not recollect.
Ques: Did you search for &
find the torn sheet after Mr
Maxwell discovered its absence
if so where did you find it
& in what condition?
Ans: I did not - if I did not hear
Mr Maxwell make such com-
plaint. Mr Parker found
the pieces in the fireplace.

Examined by Mr
Slidell.

Q Being asked what re-
cord is kept of Mint certifi-
cates issued from this Mint.
Answers. The records kept
on the Certificate book & the
memoranda in the registers
of Gold & Silver Bullion. These
Memoranda in the Registers
are in pencil by the words
"Certificate issued" with-
out detail of dates or other par-
ticulars.

Mc Dermit Sept

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Being asked why there is no record in the Margin of the Certificate register of certificates Nos 104 & 105 next following the Calas Certificate, of which certificates Nos 104 & 105 have been taken from said book.

Answers. It was the intention to have an average of the reserved small Deposites & to issue a certificate for each of them. This was not done.

Being asked, what has become of certificates 104 & 105 to whom were they issued for what amount & date?

Answers. They have never been issued.

Quest. Why were they cut out of the book if not issued.

Ans. To avoid the inconvenience of leaving a leaf.

Quest. Why are the words "after melting" omitted in the weighing Book under Calas's name, & what is the meaning of these words used in the weighing book.

Ans. The words "after melting"

Mr Dundas

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are put there to fill up the lines; I cannot give any particular reason for the omission in Casas' name. In one instance as in the Case of Guérin 16th of April 1839 although the words "after melting" appear under Guérin's name yet his deposite was never melted Quest. Are not the words after melting written in the weighing book under depositors name in at least nine cases out of ten.

Ans. Yes.

Being asked why the words "paid in small change" written under Casas' name do not appear in any other anterior entry in the weigh book as it now stands?

Ans. The same entry appears in the torn sheet under Topham's name & Lacroix.

the words were merely put as a guide to know what small change there was in the vault. No such memoranda of "paid in small change" was ever made in the weigh book before the 16th or after

Mr. Demarchy

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the 17th of April 1839. There was no necessity of such entry as there had been no promises of small change before the 16th of April 1839.

When the coin was taken out to pay Casas where was the entry of payment made?

Ans. There is no cash book kept for Bullion accounts. This Branch Mint does not purchase Bullion. The payment of certificates is entered on the register; at the moment a payment is made it is entered on the Bullion register, but no entry of payment is made any where else on the same day. And if Casas had been paid by a check on the Bank and not in small coin the same entry would have been made in the same book.

Quest. Are all the entries in the Journal so far as concern your own acts true?

Ans. Yes

Look at the entry in the bullion Journal in the

Mr. Demeby

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Bullion journal in the following words under date January 31st 1837 "Melter & Refiner his a/c of Silver delivered to him in pursuance of a warrant No 7 - 940 6/100.

Was ever such a warrant issued and delivered to Mr. Maxwell & was the entry made by you?

Ans. The entry was made by me & the warrant issued, but none was received by Mr Maxwell nor has the Treasurer ever received Mr Maxwells warrant. The Warrant was filled up after the settlement of January sometime in February 1839

It is expected that the officer should come to the office for his warrant; it being necessary that they should be examined. Maxwell has applied often for his warrants but never came to the office to get them. He applied personally except on one occasion he did so in writing. Mr Maxwell

Mr Kinnersley

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was noticed in writing since this investigation when he applied in writing that his warrants were ready for inspection.

Questioned by Mr Bradford

The endorsement on the back of the warrant is a receipt and Mr Maxwell has been in possession of the Bullion without giving such receipt.

Questions on behalf of Mr Maxwell

What means had Mr Maxwell for calculating the amount of unmelted coin in the Treasurers vault when the difficulty about the Cases deposits occurred?

Ans. Mr Maxwell had free access to all the books I do not know if he had other means.

Quest. What was the amount found to be on hand?

Ans. £1300.

Quest. Will you produce the book and point the entries that they may be here

Mr Lumley

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examined.
Ans. The entries are as follows
1839
April 11th 10 Wm Fitzhugh $ 100-
" " J Lacroix 100-
" " Gustave Guérin 100-
" 17 S. Villazulia 100-
" 18 Alex. Fournier 200
" " J Merle 200
" 19 E. Ravin 100
" " Albert Faviaux 100
" 22 John Lockett 100
" " J Gelpi 200.
1300.

Quest. Were not the payments for small parcels of corn which were received & reserved until they amounted to a sufficiency for a melt considered final?
Ans. Yes. Generally by all parties and change has sometimes been given out for paper money.
Quest. Please point out the error if any in the original weighers Book which induced the erasing of the entries thereon?
Ans. I do not consider the weighers book as belonging

(Wm Livingston)

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to the Treasury office.
1st Because it was not one of the Books sent out from Philadelphia
2d Because Mr Bradford told me it was copied by Mr Lilly from Mr Maxwell's own statement.
3d Because the book begins in March & was bought in July 1838. The error in the original weighers book was that the balance struck June 29th 1838 & for which the Melter & Refiner received a warrant; to wit, for 209799 59/100 was erroneous & was a much larger sum than had been received at the Mint. This is the only error that I know of in said original weighers book. The settlement as exhibited therein was a true statement of what took place at said time as I presume, though not then the Officer.
Quest. Have the accounts opened between the Melter & Refiner & the Treasury also between the Treasurer & the

Mr. Secretary

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comm ben opened in any book.
Q 10, in what book & when?
Ans. In the warrant books & Journals. And a new Ledger has been bought for the purpose but then accounts are not yet therein opened. Said Ledger was purchased about two months ago.

By opening an account I mean entries showing debits & credits & I do not consider in book keeping phrase the accounts of said Officers could be considered minimal in the warrant book & journal.

Quest. Has the money from which the ordinary expenses of the New Orleans Branch Mint were paid being kept seperate from that received in exchange for small coin.

Ans. It has not been kept seperate.

Quest. Do you know who prepared for his signature the Treasurers letter of the 16th of February 1839.

Ans. I must have written it myself. I drafted the

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letter from the Ideas given by the Treasurer.

Quest. Did Mr Bradford or Dr Hart take any part or assist in framing or revising that letter?

Ans. Mr Bradford did not, Dr Hart did give some Ideas about it but I do not recollect what. I do not recollect ever having stated that Casas deposite weighed the same when it returned from the Melter before assay as when first weighed before delivery on melting—

Mr. Simultary

June 24th 1839.

Damien Casas was sworn
Examined by Mr Sibbett
the Commissioner

Question. Do you recollect receiving
a payment at the Mint for a de-
posite made by you on the 20th of
April.

Answer. I recollect having receiving
payment for a deposite made by
me at the Mint about the middle
of April. The deposite was made
by myself & four or five days in-
tervened between the payment &
the deposite at the Mint.

I made three deposites at the
Mint, for the first deposite I
received $199.36 I believe that
the gentleman who paid me
then told that he had paid me
$200 for he paid me in twenty
packages in which the said were
of $10 each package & on counting
them at home I found that one
contained only $9.50.

This first payment
was about a month be-
fore the second deposite
The second deposite
was of $200 for which
I received $190.

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The last deposit was of Mexican Dollars. The first deposite was compose of Mexican, Spanish, Portuguese & American Dollars.

I never made any other deposite than these two.

I am certain that I never received on either of these deposites more than $201.

I remember signing in a book when I received payment for the first deposite. I did not read what I signed because I had confidence.

I am certain that I signed in a book without reading, when I received the first payment.

On being shown the Merit Certificate for 7012.21 dated 20th of April 1839 endorsed with his name he acknowledged the signature but said that when he signed it it was in a book, that he did not see the printed face of the paper when he signed.

U.S. Cadet

June 24th

On its being shewn to him that the Certificate endorsed by him, was for $212.31. He said he had signed without having read it, because he had confidence — He swore, however, that he only received $199.50.

Witness is a Spaniard

Examined on behalf of Mr. Maxwell.

The gentleman in the Office, when I came to make the first deposite, weighed it & gave me a receipt.

The gentleman observed to me "I know very well it is $200" I believe this was said to me after it was weighed.

When I came to get paid on this first deposite the gentleman in the Office said, "Mr Casas you do not get any profit."

The person in the Office appeared to make some calculations before weighing, but did not shew them to me.

I was neither told by

Mr. D. Casas

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the gentleman in the Office that I would look them over four cents, or else a paper was shewn to me to that effect, but which I cannot remember. I did not attend much to this, it being unimportant.

I cannot remember exactly what coins I detected on this first deposite, but they were of various countries & some of them of the United States. They were all Dollars

Examined on behalf of Mr. Bradford.

I took the money from the Mint myself, carried it home & then counted two, three, or four packages.

The Gentleman at the Mint had told me that there were $200. There were twenty packages.

I was told at the Mint that each package contained $10.

One of the packages was marked $9.50 & on counting it I found that

Mr. D. Coleman

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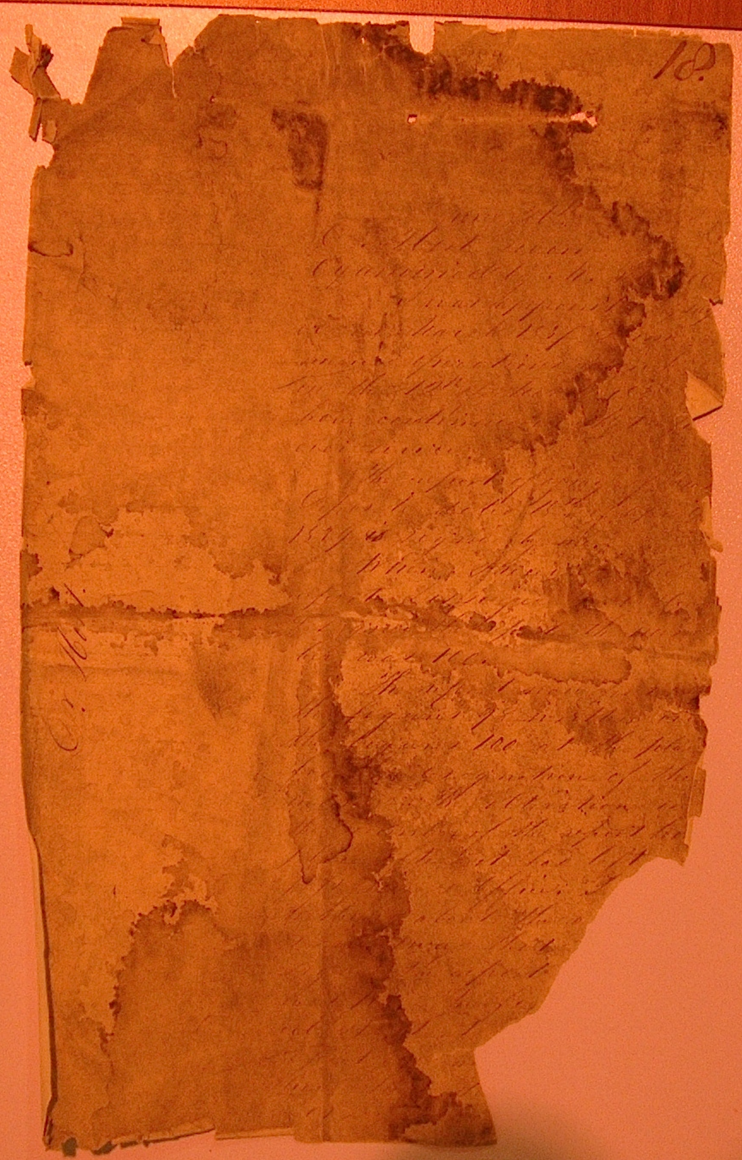
I only sustained that amount
& suppose it was given by
mistake because the packages
were taken from a great many
others.

The whole amount was paid
to me in ten cent pieces &
all the packages were of the same size

I am sure that there were not
more than twenty

Although I did not count
all the money yet it was more than
the amount I declared above to
have received had been paid
me I would have known it.

Mr D. Cass



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By this I became I saw the number 100 stamped on the bar & number 110 on the number of the Cases deposits entered in the weighing books. I have no other means of identifying this deposit or any other. I have had doubts as to whether it was the Cases deposit which Mr Sargent, which doubts have since been removed. The reasons for my doubts were, that 3 or 4 days after the 25th May Mr Bradford came to my room, told me that a Bar No 110 which I had concluded to be the Cases deposit was claimed by the Author & Refiner as part of the Richmond deposit No 79 & that it required the weight of No 100 to make the weight of Richmond's deposit No 79.

I observed to Mr Bradford that it was very extraordinary that Authors marked with a certain number should be claimed as belonging to a deposit with a different number; that

Ex. Hart

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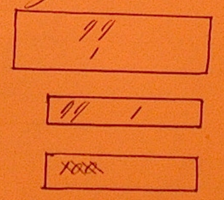
marcous when stock
the assay prius on the 18th of
April & was embarrassed
by the mode of numbering
& pan mind the Bullion
more critically, & referred to
the weigh book & to the best
of my knowledge & belief the
relative sizes of the different
bars corresponded with the
weights set down in the
weigh book, & I made out
for the Superintendent a di-
agram from recollection of
the comparative size of the
three bars which I now ex-
hibit to show the impression
then made on my mind, &
which diagram was about
this, without pretending
to accuracy.



Mr. Bradford then told me
that on the Bullion being

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brought out by the Melter & Refiner & running to the bar No 100 was required to make up the Richmond deposite No 99. To satisfy myself I went down to see the Bullion weighed & the Bullion then produced 2 bars of which were marked 99 & one bar 100, did make the amount of Richmond's deposite of 99 I was much surprised at the result so contrary to my anticipations, & great doubt for the time settled on my mind; so much so, that I drew a conclusion in a letter that I wrote to Mr Bradford at that time that I had not stamped the Cross deposite that it appeared to be missing & as soon as related to its supposed appearance in the melting room on the 18th of April, the Melter & Refiner was appointed.

And as to the reasons for my having those doubts as to whether I had stamped the Cross deposite were dissipated. They are as follows.

Dr Watt.

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1st On reflecting on the subject I could not feel satisfied that the Bullion produced for assay & which had been 300 days in the possession of the Mint & Refiner was the identical Bullion that I had seen & sealed on the 15th & the impression of the Correspondence between the relative sizes of the bars & the weights in the weight book was carried with greater force than ever. Moreover I observed on No 100 a countermark No 2 which I did not observe on the 18th on the first occasion I may be deceived as to the fact whether the countermark was on the bar No 100 assay on the 18th, but the peculiar circumstances I examined with particular care all the marks & countermarks on the Bullion My decided impression is that on the 18th there was no countermark No 2 in the 18 100. My strongest reason for this impression is that when there is an ear bearing the

Or Ward 1.

Gs. Nov. 1.

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~~much~~ number of 1 depos
ite of 3 sums countermarked
that is, where there is but
one bar. Another partners
the unnecessary division
of the hammered dollars
of Bechnor's deposite into
two portions, as one would
will contain more than the
amount of those hammered
dollars viz: 321 oz Troy
there, the irregularity in
the numbering if No 100
did belong to Bechnor's
deposit No 99 only goes
it marked 109 the numb
of Casas deposite.

Again a circumstance
that made a strong impres
sion on my mind was that
I had asked nothing to
correspond with the title
of the French crowns of Bech
nor deposite; the title of
French Crowns is known
in every Mint to be 900m.
Have never heard of any
counterfeits of that descrip
tion of coin; the deposite
was made by the porter
of the Merchants Bank

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which is said to be one of
the best pieces of coin in
the Chest, whilst the one
bar number 180 claimed by
Mr. Maxwell as representing
the French crowns belonging
to the Jackson deposite, gave
the Fifth after repeated assays
of Mexican Dollars falling
13 m/m under the standard
of French crowns.

Another reason was
that I was informed by
Mr. Bradford that the Assay
in the Treasurer's Office
had been balanced and found
correct.

Another reason, the cal-
culation of the Melter & Re-
finer of the deposite of
possession of that Institution
he assured that there must
be a certain amount of
assayed coins in the Vault
which if coins were weighed
in this manner, unless
the result proved correct
not including the Coins
Deposite.

Another reason. The
complaint of the Melter &

Dr. Mint

Q. Mark

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Referred to the Superintendent on the 10th of April that his order had been violated in a certain case of deposits of Mexican Dollars.

Read the Testimony of the Parties who would be directly bearing on the 10th of April delivered to one of the Assistants of Messrs Brown & Ashmead's assay a deposit of $200 Numbered 100.

I believe that the Trunk crowns of Richmond's deposits were not assayed.

Being asked why if the Trunk crowns of Richmond's deposits had not been assayed he, the witness had signed on the 10th of April 1857 a report of assay of Richmond's Trunk Crowns.

Ans. I observed at the time that the bills did not correspond with the bills of Trunk crowns, but supposed that there might have been some other coin mixed with them to account for the difference of bills, & supposed it the regular routine of my duty

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I did not feel justified to with hold my signature, I believe that the usage in bringing the assayers reports with me is in perfect accordance with the instructions of the Director at Philadelphia and that whenever reports are brought to me the following items are filled out before signing. "The No. of the deposite — The date of the Deposite — The date of the assay — The person by whom deposited, the descriptions of coins or Bullion — The Grs. weight" are filled up by the Treasurer. The other columns in the printed report are filled up by the assayer after he has shaved his buttons Quart. Supposing that all the bullion mentioned in the assayers report of the 3rd Inst of deposits was really part of the Jackson deposite must there not have been a mistake in the description of a portion of the Jackson deposite commingled in the mingling tube, in the report

Dr. 16th

of assay prepared at the Treasurer's office?

Ans. The conclusion may be fairly drawn that the misdescription by cutting of French crowns by the neighbouring mint when a report has been made of a portion of the Tickner deposite but I consider that neither myself nor the weigher could be accountable for such misdescription in such a case.

When a great discrepancy exists between the title ascertained by assay & the ordinary title of the coin described in the assayer's report as presented to me, the pay is always made correct or confirm the result. But the description is never altered; I note the fact & report it to the Superintendent.

In the case of the Tickner deposite after repeated assays of the portions described as French crowns I communicated it as an

Dr Hall

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early occasion to the Superintendent. Suspended it shortly afterwards. Felt under no obligation to make an immediate report because the deficiency might be accounted for by the mixture of counterfeit coins & because a greater discrepancy often exists in deposites of hammered and Mexican dollars owing to their being counterfeits of that denomination.

Q. Generally keep the merchants assay pieces till they are called for, if they accumulate too much I would transfer them to the Treasurers Vault; but this has never occurred & the assay pieces remain sometimes for weeks in my office.

Quest. Was there any attempt made to identify by means of assay pieces remaining in your office the bar stated to have been produced by Mr. Mefford numbered 110 and

Geo Hoyt

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countermarked 2 in order to ascertain if possible whether that identical bar belonged to the Dickson or Cashs deposits, or any other?

Ans. There was, but the price did not correspond: the bar however showed that an assay price had been cut off. — Assay prices after having been taken from the assay are always rolled out and change their forms. — On this occasion Mr Bradford perceived in the bar a portion of the billion which had been cut off but never rolled out, which he, Mr Bradford, thought might have cut from the deposite No 100 & had omitted to assay it; that this piece being taken down to the smelting room & applied to Bar No 170 was found not to correspond; Told Mr Bradford when he first discovered it that it was a piece that cut off some days before

Mr Hall.

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from some other depos-
ite to repeat any always
but had found that he
did not want it.

Being asked why he
believes that the French
crowns of the Tobacco
deposits were not stopped
Ans. Because since the
time of that deposits I
have not met with a
bottle of French crowns in
any deposits of coins; be-
cause I have never heard
of any counterfeit of
French crowns; because
the standard of French
crowns is uniform in
all the Mints; & because
the depositor was the Porter
of the Merchants Bank
pronounced to be the best
judge of coins in this
City.

It appears to me that
a portion of the Tobacco
deposits has disappeared
as well as the Coins de-
posited, but that other
bullion has taken its
place.

Dr Hunt

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I am decidedly of opinion that it is possible for the Cashier depositor to have disappeared without any imputation upon the honesty of the Porter & Depositor & of the Weigher.

Here, for instance, a bar of Bullion might be secreted & carried off by depositors from the Weighroom; there are sometimes strange looking people calling to make deposites.

I have seen repeated cases of irregularity in the marking of the bars of Bullion of depositors & otherwise when sent in for assay, and have frequently been embarrassed thereby. I have complained of the same to the superintendent & he has gone with me to the weighing room & has been witness of the fact. I consider the Melter & Refiners department as the source from which these irregularities arise.

Dr Hunt

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Quest. State conscientiously your opinion of the competency of the following Officers: the Defaurn Sherwent — the Treasurer — the Treasurers Clerks — the Melter & Refiner — & the Coiner &c. I believe Mr. Bradford fully competent to discharge the duties of his office but that he has a fault he is too confiding, too generous & too indulging.

I believe Mr. Pratt to be a man of truth honesty & integrity but dependant on his Clerks for the details of his office; he is very attentive to the business of his office while there, & manifests considerable zeal & anxiety that the business should be properly conducted.

I believe the Treasurers Clerk, Mr. Dimitry, to be competent to perform all the duties of his office; that he is a man of strict truth and sound integrity.

I believe the Melter

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& Reynolds to be a false & dishonest man & that he is incompetent to discharge the duties of his office.

I believe Mr Conner to be fully competent to discharge the duties of his office

Examination by Mr. Bradford.

I never knew a man more zealous & diligent in the performance of the duties of his office than the Superintendent.

Have Examined by Mr. Maywell.

Have you attended every meeting during this investigation?

Ans. I have been present at every meeting & though not always in the room have been generally within hearing & consider I have sufficiently attended to the proceeding to understand the testimony.

The value of Government Dollars varies very much from about 85¢ to 89¢ at no time did I ever find

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back an assay piece by Mr Bradford for reference to the Cashier's office; Mr Bradford took an assay piece as I stated above — Mr Bradford seeing it on the Cap in mine room took it, stating he was to compare it. Assay pieces have no mark put on them when sent to me for assay; but each piece is pointed a numbered hole in a board destined for that purpose and sent up to me.

Quest. Supposing the assay piece taken back as aforesaid, was by mistake the assay piece upon the French crowns, and you assayed the two pieces taken from the two bars of hammered dollars of Tichnor, might not one of them have been inadvertently taken for an assay of the French crowns, when in such case no assay of the French crowns could have been made? Ans. I do not think such a thing could have happened under the circumstances. Subsequently recalled the witness

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deponte from which that
piece was taken; which
occurred several days prior
to 18th April 1839. I cannot
now specify the deponte, but
remembered it heretofore.

Being asked whether he
ever wrote such a letter &
opinion to Mr. Bradford as
is quoted in Mr. Maxwells let-
ter to Dr. Patterson dated
April the 2d 1839.

Answers: I do not recol-
lect the exact phraseology
of the letter and have no copy
of it whereby to test the ac-
curacy of this quotation.

Quest. Did you ever entertain
the opinions expressed in the
quotation cited & ascribed to
you in Mr. Maxwells said
letter.

Ans. I did as explained in a
post-script dated June 10th
1839 annexed by me to a decu-
ment now on file.

Being asked of by Dr Hunt,
did not withdraw his first
letter to Mr. Bradford more
to turn to the Cases of Jani.

Ans. No.

Dr Hunt.

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Quest. Did Mr. Bradford apply to you for a copy of said last mentioned letter &c. I believe he did and I furnished a copy as near the original as I could make it from a rough draft, & I did not deliberately alter or commit any such act as Thereon. I am not aware that there was an excess of gold in a deposit by Lizardi in July last above what said deposites were paid & there no recollection of having made a report of any such occurrence.

Sir. Ward

I recollect, now, that there was a transaction about Gold similar to that you suppose but there has so much falsehood about the matter that I dismissed it from my mind; I never would admit that the bullion was identified. I think I made a report on such a subject in June 1838. There a memorandum on a loose piece of paper of having assayed two bars of $1,053 of Lizardi deposite which was 1/2 bars No $1,52,538.64

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The first assay was as I presume on the 17th of April 1838 & the re-assay sometime in June ensuing.

Court. Did not Mr Bradford about that time give you pieces of gold to assay without telling you know from what bank they were taken?

Ans. I have no distinct recollection of such a circumstance.

I have never reported an average of melts without assigning each particular melt.

It has sometimes happened on two occasions at this Mint that as many as 20 melts have given the same title

Ex Wood

18.

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Peter W. Leavitt sworn
& examined by Mr. Merrill

I am employed now as
Melter in the Melter & Refiners
Office & have been thus employed
since March 1838.

I do not recollect any
Mexican Dollars numbered
№ 100 going from the weigh
ers to the Melter & Refiner's
office.

I am in the habit of
most generally carrying
the bullion from the weigh
ers Office to that of the
Melter & Refiner.

I have not a good mem=
ory as to dates.

I am in the habit of
noticing the numbers of
the deposites that go into
the Melter & Refiner's office.

I did not carry in April
last to the Melter & Refiners
Office a deposite of ✕ 200 Mexi=
can dollars under the № 100

I feel very confident
that I did not receive from
Mr. Dewin in April last a
bag containing a deposite
of 200 Mexican Dollars and

Peter W. Leavitt

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numbered two.

Mr. Maxwell generally gets to the Office at about 8 O'clock in the morning to distribute the Bullion, he has no regular hours to be there, is there sometimes very late, has late as 9 am until about 6 or 7 O'clock in the after noon. When the workmen are employed in melting Bullion I attend earlier in the morning to give them the bullion.

I am generally the one who stamps the number of the depositor on the bars.

There has been some irregularity in numbering – sometimes three or four numbers are skipped.

The Treasurer's weigher has been in the habit of reserving bars to compare & I suppose that the numbers reserved to be the place of those that are passed over. I always get the numbers from the weigher generally on duty.

When there are several

Mr. Sabin

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deposites I number the
one in the mould before to
bring any other cast of the pot.
I do not think that I have
ever made any mistake
in numbering. I am sure
that I do not. I take the
number from the neighbour
I have never seen any
thing suspicious among
the honesty of Mr Hayselle
in his office.

The conduct of Mr Hay-
selle towards his workmen
is changeable, he is sometimes
rather cross & at others in
pretty good humour.

I do not see how the
interest & prosperity of the
Mint could be promoted by
the removal of Mr Hayselle.

On behalf of Mr
Bradford.

I think the day I
received the Tickets deposits
there were one or more deposits
received by me I recollect
that the character of the Tick-
ets deposits was in hammered
dollars & Spanish Crowns.
I think the character of the

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Three billion received home on the same day was 96 Mexican Dollars & that 82 was returned on the same day.

I think the Fichnor deposite was numbered 99—182

The Fichnor deposite was melted on two separate parcels by order of the Weigher to keep distinct the hammered dollars from the French crowns & were therefore marked — 182. The number 99 was stamped 99 182 by me when I melted first melted it & reserved it for assay. That numbering embraced the whole of the deposite. I am sure on this subject.

There were no other deposites melted on that day for assay. There is no doubt at present on my mind that there were no other deposites melted.

The Fichnor deposite 182 was returned in 3 bars. All three were numbered 99. two of them were stamped with the number mark 1 & the other 2. The three bars were returned at

Wm Sanders

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the same time for assay.

The amount of the two
hundred Dollars was 322.37
was not put in on Bar 2 be-
cause the mould would not
contain them or even if it
could contain them which he
does not think it will, there
is an expense for dividing it.
When the pot is taken out
of the furnace when the silver
is melted it has to be poured
out very fast, & when the
mould is very full & poured
out very fast it is apt to splash
over & is divided to avoid
making grains.

There are in the box com-
mencing No 2—110 oz & were
returned in a separate box
from the others. The three
bars were returned at the same
time I returned them my self
on the day they were melted
which is the same on which
they were received.

Quest. Do you recollect ever
having received from the assig-
—or a deposite accompanied by
the No 100 for the purpose of
melting for assay?

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Ans. No I do not recollect ever having received a deposite with number 100 with it before it was settled. One of the bars of No 99 & counter marked No 2 was altered to 100 after being returned to the weigher to room by the request of the weigher. the alteration was made by me.

I cannot recollect whether the alteration in the number was made on the same day or the next after returning it I think that it was made on the next day but I am not certain.

Quest. Do you recollect receiving a deposite Numbered 101 & the description of it.

Ans. I do not recollect having received a deposite with that Number.

To my knowledge I do not recollect ever having returned a deposite weighing more than 322 27/100 in one bar I never have weighed any. I have said before that I do not believe the mould will hold 322 27/100 of the same

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standard as what the Tech nor deposite is. I believe the mould will hold over that amount in fine silver

I always stamp the No. on the bars that are sent out to me from the weighing room. I have & never been mistaken in thus numbering the bars, & have never altered the numbering at the suggestion of the Weigh Clerk because I had made a mistake.

On a hammered dollar being exhibited to the witness & his having asked whether he did not recollect that at the time of the Technor deposite it was melted a hammered dollar was found in the pot & whether the dollar exhibited to him is not that dollar.

Ans. I recollect the circumstance of the dollar being found & think the dollar exhibited is the same it is burnt & they all look alike. I did not intend to say that at the time of the Technor deposite

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I ate a hot supper & partly recollect the time.

My Wages in the Matter of Salaries depart must previous to the Quarrel with Mr Donisty were $2.75 per day. My wages have been increased since that time owing to a man being whose place I took & performed more laborious work. My wages now are $3.25. My Wages were not increased until the man left that I heard of & I did not know it until the 1st of this month — I am allowed for over work — I was allowed 3 Thirds for days during the Month of May. I think I about 4 days. I cannot say with any certainty.

At one time I had some little difficulty with Mr. Hoffwell that is I thought Mr Mayfield treated me rather coolly. This was sometime in the winter of this year.

I have stated to other people that Mr. Hoffwell was a man who in my opinion would not acknowledge a mistake even if he knew he had made one.

Mr. Scudder

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I have stated the opinion of Mr. Maxwell since the difficulty with Mr. Dimitry occurred.

Examined on behalf of Mr. Maxwell

Mr. Maxwell did not give me any order about putting the Assayer deposite of hammered dollars in one or two moulds.

Mr. Maxwell never intermeddled with my numbering, but he has charged me to be very particular about committing mistakes & to number according to the number given by the weigher.

I recollect that a deposite of Gold was melted, I did not then know the name of the depositor, but I have since heard that it was Kelly, the bar was cracked in cleaning, was brought back & I assume the weight three or four pennyweights. It was afterwards remelted on account of having ~~warped~~ cracked & I used a little to toughen it, the alloy would cause it to be

Mr. Sedgwick

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less, there is one that would
pursue it.

On Behalf of Mr.
Bradford

A bar of Silver N° 170
weighing 533 Troy was offered
to the customs as the duty
it had been run in one mould
to which he answered that
it had been run in one
mould that it had run over.

Mr Lattimore

June 29th 1839.

Continuation of Mr Seabrook resumed.

By Mr Stidell

I do not recollect of being present at any conversation between Mr Bradford & Mr Sharpe in about the Jackson deposite at the time of the difficulty about the Casas deposite. I remember that I was once called in to explain to all the Officers how the numbers came to be altered. I saw no comparison of the assay pieces & cannot recollect whether any thing was said on the subject.

I heard Mr Dimitry say in speaking of the Casas deposite that he had made a mistake about the weight in entering the Casas deposite on the books this mistake he said was made the first time it was entered & the reason why he said the mistake a second time was that the weights remained in the scales & when it was weighed a 2d time it weighed the same that it did before

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he did not think it necessary to look over the weights

Examined on behalf of Mr. Bradford.

Quest. Mr. Maxwell has stated in his testimony that on the 10th of April in passing thro' the melting room he was informed that from the Treasurers office Mexican Dollars had been sent out — that he directed the Teller not to melt them; that he would go to the Treasurers Office & did so. You have stated in your testimony as follows &c. You think the day you received the Fichaux deposite there were one or more other deposites received by you; You recollect that the character of the Fichaux deposite was in hammered dollars & French crowns; You think that the character of the other bullion received by you on the same day was of Mexican dollars & that it was returned on the same day. Please state who you think returned that bullion the same day.

Wm Lockhart

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Ans. I do not recollect who it was taken back by.

Mrs Sackett

Mr. Humphreys

Dec 21st 1839.

Asa Humphreys was sworn & examined by Mr. Sherrill

I have been employed in the Mint since the 12th of February 1838 & have worked in different portions of Mr. Maxwells department. I am now engaged in assisting the Brothers. I have had frequent difficulties with Mr. Maxwell. There is at this time a coolness on the part of Mr. Maxwell towards me & none on my part towards Mr. Maxwell. I do not know the reason of this coolness. As respects me the conduct of Mr. Maxwell has been dishonest, he has deceived me. He has deceived me in not fulfilling the promises he made me by letter that induced me to come from New-York; having promised to use his influence with the Officers of the Mint to obtain for me satisfactory wages, which he has not done. Mr. Maxwell without sufficient cause discharged my son from the Mint.

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Spoke in order behalf of Mr. Maxwell.

Applied to Mr. Bradford for an increase of wages Mr. Bradford promised to allow it, if Mr. Maxwell would recommend it. Mr. Maxwell said that I was to have $3 & Mr. Parker $3.25. This I thought disinherent & that Mr. Parker was not entitled to any more than I was. Mr. Maxwell afterwards allowed me the required wages through the intercession of Mr. Bradford.

By Mr. Nichols

The conduct of Mr. Maxwell is capricious & eccentric sometimes treating the men in a friendly manner & sometimes he is unreasonable.

Mr. Maxwell has spoken to me in a derogatory manner of all the other Officers of the Point.

I never saw in the Baltic & Natchez department any thing that looked upon as suspicious as relates to honesty.

I consider Mr. Maxwell as diligent at his business

Mr. Humphreys

I have no other grounds of complaint against Mr Maxwell than on the subject of my wages, his expostulations about, his missuse of my son & ~~him~~ abusing him for not doing work when in fact there was none to be done.

As Relates to the administration of the business of his office I look upon Mr Maxwell as being honest & have never seen or even conjectured anything that could make me think differently.

I consider him Mr Maxwell, somewhat efficient in competency as far as my knowledge goes.

I do not know that there has been any combination between Mr Maxwell & Mr Sykes to injure the other officers of the Mint, except that Mr Maxwell told me that he Mr Maxwell & Mr Sykes had taken their prices from the same ingot to Do that to be charged & I believe that Mr Maxwell told me that the assays varied.

Mr Kennedy's charges

June 9th

Mr. Maxwell seemed to consider the southern Clerks in the Mint as being desperate men, & that he calculated to resign in consequence of some difficulty with one of them. Mr. Maxwell said that he did not like the Clerks employed here, I think he said Southern Clerks.

Quest. Do you think that the interests & prosperity of the Mint would be promoted by Mr. Maxwell's removal & if you think so why?

Ans. I do think so for the reasons before stated & because according to my judgment Mr. Maxwell is incompetent.

I think him incompetent to manage the separating assaying & coining department because upon his making the Assay of Stafford 2 months ago. The remark he was that Mr. Stafford asked him if he had any particular proportions & quantities of Zinck to put in, to reduce Alum. Mr. Maxwell said that he always

Wm. Humphreys

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Mr. Thompson says

Met in an excess of Zinck & that the Zinck would be taken out in the Refiners room. I have heard the Melter complain that there was Zinck in the Silver as it came from the separating room. If the Silver is properly received there should not be an excess of Zinck. The other reasons are that I have been near twice for the last 6 or 8 days in the melting room & there have been a number of melts run that because they were not properly alloyed. Enquired of the Melter if such things happened long back, & he said that they sometimes occurred.

By Mr Bradford

I do not recollect ever having heard Mr Mayrolle express dislike to the French Works or French population of the South.

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1.

Alexander C. Bremond sworn
Examined by Mr Shields

I have been door keeper
of the Mint for about 2 months
and a half. When Casas first
came to make his deposite I
was at the door of the Mint.
Casas said he came for small
change. I took him into the Treas-
urers office. About 2 or 3 days
after I saw Casas come with
a receipt. Casas was alone.
a few minutes after say 15 or
20 minutes Casas came out of
the Treasurers office with
a Mint certificate in his hand.
He asked me in Spanish what
does this paper that is the cer-
tificate mean I replied
you can on this certificate
receive the money in any
bank or house. I described
or explained to Casas in Span-
ish what was the meaning
of the Mint certificate I told
him the amount was $212.
Casas then asked me if he
could go into the Mint to look
at the operations. I took him
to the door & showed him the
coining room.

A. C. Bremond

Mr. Brown

Mr. 4th 2

Casas presently after was called to the Treasurer's office to receive his money. I saw Mr. Ducom [illegible] some money packed in rolls to Mr. Conrotte which was just on the table; when I passed the door of the Treasurer's Casas was putting the money in his pocket handkerchief he presently came out & went away.

I am certain that I told Casas that the certificate was for $212. I am certain that I could not have told Casas either a greater or less sum than $212.

Mr. Ducom showed me a memorandum about 2 weeks ago, it might be less or more than that the memorandum I am sure was for $212 I am perfectly certain that the memorandum was for neither more nor less than $212.

The occasion of Ducom showing me this memorandum was a conversation about the casas business

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Deconi was talking about the dispute between Mr Dimsby & Mr Shafwell. Deconi said that Shafwell & Dimsby had had a dispute & that Shafwell had told Dimsby that he, Dimsby, had committed a fraud about this money — that Mr Bradford had come between them, Dimsby & Shafwell, & separated or stopped them. Deconi told me he was sure that the money had been weighed & counted by him, Deconi, & also that Mr Deconi went to Mr Leabic to come & take the money & that Leabic came in a few minutes took away the pan & that the pan contained £212 with a number in it. Deconi told me that the ~~money~~ number put in the pan was 100 I am sure Deconi told me that the money put in the pan was £212. Deconi did not tell me whether in his opinion the money came back from the Mint's office or not. I think that Deconi told me that

Mr Bramwell

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Mr. Bradford went into the Treasurers office & looked at the weighing book & told Mr. Doherty that he, that will, had never examined such a number.

Examined on behalf of Mr. Bradford.

Mr. Doherty was not usually in the habit of counting money. When persons not understanding English came into the office the certificate was always translated by me to them. The certificate that Casas asked me to translate was not in the book. It was a loose one that had been cut out of the book.

I was born in Philadelphia. I speak English & French & Spanish.

Examined on behalf of Mr. Maxwell.

The last conversation that I had with Mr. Duncan in relation to the Casas deposit was about five days ago. I did not see the memorandum by Duncan at the last conversation I have not seen

Examined

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Since I was first shown to me about 2 weeks ago. I never have had any conversation with Priestley on the subject of the Memorandum. Mr Durant was absent about 3 or 4 days at the period of his marriage. Quest. Was the absence before or after his marriage?

Ans. Before he was married

Quest. Was he absent any number of days immediately after his marriage?

Ans. I do not recollect.

Mr Durant

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Wm. Sloan Baptist Deccan
was sworn.

Examination by Mr
Shell.

On the 16th of April 1879
I was porter at the Mint &
have continued so since my
place was in the weighers
room.

I was present when
Cama made his deposite &
at the weighing of the depos-
ite, I observed at the weigh-
ing. An entry was made
by Mr. Dimitry immediate-
ly after in the weigh book.
I observed the entry myself
I did not observe the figures
of the entry the amount
which Cama deposite was
$200. I know that sum
was the amt. because he
counted them at the time
before weighing. Took
the money out of the scales
when the money was weighed
& put ~~and~~ in a tin pan, I
put the number 100 in the
tin pan I recollect that
the number put in was 100

Wm. Deccan

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The money remained in the box from about 10 or 15 minutes in the weighers room & was then taken away by Mr Leslie who is a workman in the Melter & Refiners department, he took it to Mr Mayfields department.

I do not know that the deposite ever came back to the weighers office; & the last I saw of it was when Mr Leslie took it away.

I remained in the office the balance of the day. I continued in the weigher's office during the balance of the working hours of that day. From my own knowledge I am not aware that this deposite ever came back to the weighers office.

I do not recollect that any other bullion was weighed that day after Cook was weighed. I think that after it was delivered to Leslie that it was kept in the Melter & Refiners office & that it never came back to the weighers office.

Wm Quinn

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I think that it is not possible that the Cocoa depositor could have come back to the weigh-room on the same day. I do not recollect of having weighed any more that morn on that day after the Cocoa deposite was made & weighed. It was 2 or 3 days after Cocoa had made his deposite that I first heard of any difficulty between the Auditor & Assistant & the Weigher or inspector Mr. I had not heard of any difficulty before. I was present at the conversation between Mr. Haywell & Mr. Dimitry about the Cocoa deposite 2 or 3 days after the Deposite was made; I was present a few minutes & did not hear the whole conversation;

All that I can now recollect is that Mr. Haywell told Mr. Dimitry that he had committed a fraud. I do not recollect what Mr. Dimitry said exactly. I recollect that Mr. Bradford

Mr. Durant

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comment of this affair could
between Mr Maynell & Mr
Dimsby & I went out of
the room without looking
at any books. I could not
from my own knowledge
& am that any conversations
that the number was 100. I
recollect that Mr Dimsby
himself gave me the number
& I put it in the pan. I gener
ally assist Mr Dimsby in
weighing, & when I do not
so at that it is because I
am sent on errands by the
Treasurer. I did not hear
Mr Dimsby find any
fault with the Scales the
time on the day Cases made
his deposit. It was 2 or 3
days after that I heard Mr
Dimsby find fault with
the Assay & Assistant about
the number 100. I at present
when Cases come to get pair
for his deposit when I gave
the money myself to Mr
Dimsby. Mr Dimsby gave
it himself to Cases, the money
was small change it was
6 or 10 cent pieces I do not rec
collect

Mr Quinn

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which. I think they were put up in rolls the amount was $20. I counted the number of bundles & then handed them to Mr. Dunsby. I did not recollect whether Mr. Dunsby counted it after I handed it to him. I remember that Mr. Dunsby handed the same packages to Case & that I handed to Mr. Dunsby. Mr. Dunsby is in the habit of depending on my counting & I think that I would recollect if Mr. Dunsby had counted the money after I had handed it to him. I think I could not have made a mistake in the counting of the money. I told Mr. Dunsby when I handed the money to him that there was $200. Mr. Dunsby told me get this money, told me to get $200. I do not think that Case counted it before taking it away. There are never figures put on the bundles. I have never seen any bundles with figures on them.

Here the witness declared

Mr. Greenleaf

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that he had been mistaken
in the amount.
I recollect that I gave
Casas 21 packages of 7/10
in Vincent prices & 12 in 10
cent prices. About a month
ago I had a memorandum of
it but do not now know what
I have done with it. I made
the memorandum about 14
or 15 days after Mr Quinby
had a difficulty with Mr
Maxwell.
I was induced to take
down the memorandum from
a conversation I had had with
Mr Quinby who asked me
if I recollected what had taken
place. I answered that I did
I then took down the mem-
orandum without being re-
quested to do so by Mr Quinby
Examination in behalf
of Mr Bradford.
At the commencement
of my examination I stated
that I had quarrelled. I did
so because I felt embarrassed
but on reflecting that I
had taken a memorandum I
collected my self & my memoran-

Mr Sarani

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I had written 21 packages of 700 each & 72 in dimes the packages were all rouleaus of 700 each. For a while I was in the habit of making rouleaus of the 5 cent pieces, but lately the last month I have put them up in packages because the rouleaus took up too much time.

I have shewn my memorandum to Mr Raimond within a week or 2 & have never shewn it to any one else.

On the form of the rouleaus being published the witness said that he recollects having discovered 21 cents & 72 dimes to Mr Dominy who gave them to Casas. Casas put the 72 in his pocket & the rouleaus in his handkerchief. I heard Casas' deposition last night. I am sure that there never was a rouleau containing 1950 & this marked. All the rouleaus of dimes were put up by me at that time.

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Examined on behalf of
Mr. Maxwell.

Three new roulleaux amounting to about $100 when Cross came & they were on the table. I counted the money brought by Cross. I believe Cross deposite was of $212. I am not sure. I counted the deposite myself, do not recollect whether it was $200 or $212. I kept no memorandum of it. I know Cross by sight & have seen him several times since recognized him when he came in last night. When I made my memorandum I put it in my pocket-book. I have looked at it several times since. I did show it to Mr. Dimity before putting it away in my pocket book. I never told Mr. Dimity that I had made a memorandum.

Conversing with Mr. Beaumont on the subject of the deposits he objected my memorandum to him. Beaumont did not take it but he read it.

Mr. Cross

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Mr. Quarrier

Quest. Did not prepare that you may have been mistaken the the amount of the Coin change may it not have been $1.75 instead of $2. No Sir I am sure that I was not mistaken. Mr. Dimitry may have made a deduction, of this I know nothing

Examined by Mr. Shiell

Quest. Do you think that it would have been possible that you counted out for D. Cass $2 & 30 ¢ in small change?

Ans. I counted $2 exactly.

Quest. Are you sure that Mr. Dimitry gave to Mr. Cass exactly the same sums that you counted out?

Ans. Yes.

Mr Dimitry further stated that if there
be a Mint Certificate in Gilpin's case, it
is in the Treasurer's Vault - which he
has recently adopted as the safest
place for keeping Mint certificates -
Whereupon Mr Maxwell, it being now
Midnight, and one of the keys of the
Treasury Vault being stated by Mr
Dimitry not to be here but at his
Dimitry House, called upon the
Commissioners to take into his possession
the key of the said Vault now here and
also the certificate Book, that the
Vault may be opened tomorrow Morn-
-ing and the search made in the
presence of the parties - stating under

Both that he deemed this measure
necessary for the proper discovery
of the truth in this matter.

Whereupon the Commissioners
adjourned till to morrow Morning at
7 O'Clock, that this matter may be
examined at that hour and requested
Mr. Dimity and Mr. Maxwell with
the Superintendent to attend.

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Mr. Dimity states in his
confusion last night he thought one
of the Keys of the Treasurers Vault
had been left at home, but on reflection
he remembers that the key is in the
inner door of the Treasurers Vault.
There is no other key for the inner
door than the one which will be
found there on opening the outer
door. The external door of the Treasury
Vault has remained unopened since
the adjournment, Mr. Riddell having

Dimity

the two keys belonging to said strong
door in his possession during the
night

Before proceeding to open the
Vaults Mr Dimitry presented a
Mint certificate No 116 date 26 April
1839 and in the following words
viz "Acknowledged to have received
on the twenty second instant from
G. Gelpi a deposite for coinage of
Silver Bullion of the value of $200
to be delivered to the said depositor
or Order in silver Coin of the U.S.
agreeably to Law and the usage of
the Mint

Said certificate is unsigned - on
the face of it are written the words
"null and void" which together with
the filling up on the face of it
Mr Dimitry states to be in his hand
writing - on the back of said certificate
is an endorsement by Gelpi which

signature G. Guelfi is erased out.

On comparison by said Commissioner of said certificate just now produced with the marginal line of the certificate Book it appears to correspond in the opinion of the Commissioner and Notary as well as of Mr Maguire.

Being asked why it is that 46 Mint Certificates have been cut out of the Treasurer Vault in which it was stated yesterday evening that the Mint certificates were kept and wherein it was stated Guelfi certificate could be found if there were certificates of that kind.

He answered if the Guelfi certificates had been found it would have been filed being in the Month of April.

Those kept in the Book case are found transactions and not filed.

On reference to these 46 certificates it appears that 33 of them are dated in the Month of June and 13 dated

D Windsor

in antecedent Months - 12 of these have Memorandums on the Backs of dates of the Month of June which are stated by Mr Dimitry to designate the dates of settlement and which he therefore considers June Transactions - which dates are put on to correspond with the date of the Register of Silver or Gold

The 13th being Guelfi's has no Memorandum of date on the back, the reason of which Mr Dimitry states to be that it is null and void. The endorsement on the back of certificate No. 110 which has been erased in Guelfi's signature. Does not know what Guelfi's occupation is, and has no acquaintance with him except in transactions at the Mint.

The certificate was endorsed by Guelfi in deponents presence - doth not recollect whether there was any other person present, does recollect if Guelfi's endorsement was so erased in Guelfi's presence. thinks it after endorsing

was struck out long after it was put there.

When the reserved system of deposits recommended by Mr Mapes was put in operation Depositors was directed to receive a certificate from each depositor, upon reflection, depositors found that it would not be legal because the certificates ought to be issued to correspond with the entries in the Register. These reserved deposits not being melted and not assayed were not recorded in the Register, all the Mint certificates issued whether outstanding or redeemed have been stricken from the date and amounts recorded in the Register, the above were the Reasons, why Guelpi signature was erased. Guelpi has been paid $200 in small change for the Mexican Dollars which he deposited

Has no receipt from Guelpi for the payment of the $200. No receipt is ever taken from Depositors on paying

to them; when an issued certificate
is paid the endorsement on the book
is sufficient receipt. When Money
is merely changed the same value
is received for the amount given
Presumes that Guelph was paid by
depositor or by the Porter who counts
the Money

No certificate has issued either
to Lockhart Tavarys Ravie, Mead,
or Fournier for the sums set forth
in the ℔ of small deposits received
filed June 25. 1839 and for the same
reasons stated above. Believes that
for some of these latter persons certificates
were filled out but not issued.

June 29th Mr Guelph sworn & examined
by Commissioner.

The certificate No 116 being
presented to Mr Guelph he says the
endorsements thereon is his own signature
He say that in the Month of April
he bought the $200 Mexican, and
that about four or five days afterwards
he was paid $200 in small change of

Half dinner

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Met agreeably to adjournment
Same persons present
By experiments made in weighing it was ascertained that the pound contained more than the 3720 grs as high as 3724 & that out of three full bars returned Friday 2 that were of Mexican dollars exerran that weight & the third of the same coin was short

Mr. Mayhew sworn & examined by Mr. Tibbatts

The deputies from the Mints office are usually brought by Mr. Leavitt.

On the morning of the 11th of April in passing thro' the Melting room I observed the French crowns & hammered dollars on the stand in the Melting room; and was informed at the same time from the Treasurer's office Mexican dollars had been sent out. I directed the Melter not to melt them that I would go to the Treasurers Office, did so & then I returned

Mr. Mayhew

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Mr. Dimsey that I spoke to.

A few days previous to the 11th I had suggested to Mr. Bradford that it would be much better that the Treasurer should retain the Mexican coin & requested that he would consult with the assayer.

On or about the 11th Mr. Bradford said that the assayer to met with the views of Dr. Hart & consequently I told the latter that there would be no more small deposites of Mexican coins matter.

It is the usage of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia to retain the small deposites of Mexican dollars till they accumulated & formed a large amount. I did not propose to Mr. Bradford to reserve the small deposites of Mexican coins for the purpose of averaging them after they were melted but that they should be reported immediately as at the principal Mint

Mr. Bradford

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The Richmond parcel consisted of 2 mettles one of hammered dollars & the other of French Crowns.

The hammered dollars were mettled in 2 lots & numbered 99 & both countermarked No 1

And the French crowns No 99. and countermarked No 2.

They were returned on the same day to the treasurer Office as I believed such being the usage I believe that it was on the following Morning that they were brought out by the weigher for the purpose of taking off the price for assay. It may have been for the purpose of weighing I cannot say positively they were on the Counter.

I suggested to Mr Dimsdey that it would be better to confirm the numbers by mettle & do away with numbering each separate, as done at the principal Mint.

Mr. Woodward

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That is to say if one
deposite reduced or requires
several melts not to put
the number of deposite on
all the melts but to go on
numbering the melts of the
same deposite consecutively
in other words that the bars
should be numbered according
to the melts in the melters
office, & not by the number
of the Deposite on the weigh-
ing book — understanding
however that the numbers
whereby the melts should be
designated, should be received
from the Weighers Office.

My principal reason
for this course was that
I thought it would prevent
a confusion that had been
taken place some days before
Mr. Dimsey agreed to it
Mr. Dimsey sent for Mr.
Leibee who No 2 of 99 was
changed to 100; but it appeared
afterwards that the counter mark
on the three Leibner bars had
not been erased. The reason
why the number on neither
of the bars 99 — I was altered

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was Melt the bars both of
which were marked 99 I was
of the same melt.
The first I saw of these
Jackson bars after the Numb-
bers were altered was on the
22nd of April at Abelene.
When the deposites were
brought out in the weigh
room after I had made my
entries in my book entitled
"Silver — Melter & Refiners
Office" from the weighing
both & assayers report (I
usually take the gross weight
from the weighing book &
the quality & standard from
the assayers report) I then
reclined the Jackson deposite.
I think the Jackson
deposite was in the weigh
room when I made the en-
tries in my book.
Quest. Do you not consider it an
unsafe practice to make the
entries in your book before
you have actually inspected
inspected the deposites which
you are about to receive.
Ans. I think not. It has
usually been my practice

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It is the practice with the Melter & Refiner in Philadelphia.

Quest. Did you ever to your knowledge receive either before or after assay the deposite of Domican Casas?

Ans. No.

Quest. Why were the entries of the silver in question gross weight, fineness & Standard weight of the Casas deposite entered in your said book?

Ans. I copied those entries from the weighing book & assayers report before examining the parcels of Bullion received at that time.

Quest. Why were the figures 182,58 entered in the said book & indicating the standard weight of said deposite erased by you by drawing pencil lines over the same?

Ans. Because I had not received it & in casting up the column it was necessary to erase them for the convenience of casting up

Mr. Stephens

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Quest. Will you tell me whether you make after copying from the waybooks any subsequent entry to indicate what you have received & what you have not received of the deposites thus copied?

Ans. In the case of the Stephens and Lacroix deposites I made the entry of null, as appears by the extract from my books filed in the proceedings of this investigation I believe on the day I made the entries of Cabs deposite Lecture deposite there to is pencil the words "not received" such deposite appearing there but that the pencil markings over the standard weights there of were not made until afterwards. The Stephens Lacroix & Cans deposites were the only ones entered in my books which turned out afterwards not to have been received.

Quest: Do you consider this book fit to be produced

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your clerk accounts a record book?

Ans. I do.

Quest. Do you consider it a record book subject to the inspection of & a book of comparison with the Treasurers Office.

Ans. I do.

Quest. Do you not consider it unsafe & irregular to trust to pencil marks so important an entry as the non-receipt of the deposits therein copied in Ink?

Ans. I consider that it was. But under the circumstances I suspected that the deficiencies would have been adjusted & after I found they had not been settled I did not think it proper to make any change in my books

Quest. State if you have full & entire confidence in the honesty of the men employed in your office on the 16th of April so as to have no doubt of the non-receipt of this bulletin of Cases before today in your

Mr. Hoffman &c

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Office

Sirs. I have the fullest confidence in the Matters. From what the Mayor, Mr. Leech has stated I believe that it has never been brought to my office. Bullion has sometimes been brought to the Matters office by other persons than the Matter. The communication between the weighers & Matters office is not kept locked. There was a time when my doors were occasionally kept locked but by Mr. Rothfords order they have been left open during business hours. My reasons for keeping my doors closed were that there was a great deal of irregularity in the Mint & persons of doubtful character, I should judge from appearances, were allowed to enter the Mint at all hours of the day; which has given me a great deal of anxiety & unpleasant[ness] in my operations. Dr. Hunt says Genl. Wade not the danger of mistakes & confusion between the different departments

Mr. Rosswell

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have been obviated by the
requisition of actual written
receipts simultaneously with
each transfer of Bullion?
Mrs. S thinks that it would
but, I have never known
that practice to have been a-
dopted either here or at
Philadelphia, to my knowl-
edge.

The warrants signed by the
Superintendent have not been
regularly issued to me to with-
draw Money connected with my
department — I have very
often applied for them — I
have often spoken to Mr.
Bradford to Mr Eastall &
very often to Mr. Dimsey.
They were always promised
when applied to the Treasurer
& Mr. Dimsey.

Sometime since to wit.
Since the Cases difficulty
I made a written applica-
tion to the Treasurer & re-
ceived a reply in writing (to
be filed) that the warrants
about which I have written
were ready for my signature.
Sent & Gave by Hayward

Mr. Hopkins

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I called to sign the gold warrants, as the gold accounts corresponded & was told they were not ready; Mr. Portal enquired of Mr. Dimitry & Mr. Dimitry said they were not ready. I do not remember if any reason was assigned for them not being ready.

I had settled the whole of my gold account a few days previous.

Quest. Have the instructions of the Director respecting the issuing of warrants for deliveries of bullion been invariably observed in this establishment?

Ans. So far as I am concerned they have not.

Quest. Have you furnished monthly the accounts contemplated in said instructions in relation to warrants, if you have not, state why you have not.

Ans. I have not been in the habit of furnishing monthly my own accounts to the Auditor. We are not the parties at the mint in

Mr. Maspero

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Philadelphia for the Bills
& Reserve to do so; but it
was the practice there for
the mother & Reserve the foot
up his accounts & compare
it with an account furnished
by the treasurer. I have not
footed up my account month
by but have time after time
urged upon the Treasurer &
his Clerk the settlement of
accounts. I have frequently
pointed out to Mr Pendall
the necessity of having these
warrants he would appear
for the moment to feel the
importance of it but it
would pass away & did not
have the desired effect.
Quest. Do you know whether
the Cotton transactions
of this Mint have been regu-
larly pointualized by the
Treasurers Clerk at the end
of each Month.
Ans. I believe they have not.
the difficulties in the settle-
ment of the accounts have not
proceeded from time
Quest. Has your dispute with the
Treasurer been adjusted & balanced

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on the last days of March, June, September & December & if he not state why
Ans. It has not & I do not believe that he applied for a settlement at those particular periods, & did not do so on account of the difficulty of getting a settlement I have always been ready on my part with materials for a settlement by having all the necessary entries in my book. It has not been my habit however to post up my book quarterly; I believe that the entries in my book have always been ready for posting up at those periods. I have never been furnished by the Superintendent or Treasurer with a copy of the instructions from the Director, but I have had and believe always could have access to them.

My book is kept precisely on the system observed in Philadelphia. When my books were ordered by the Auditor & Register at Philadelphia

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prepared according to his plan. The books called to are the 2 ofst books of Gold & Silver bullion: & I have also 2 calculation books for Gold & Silver melts.

Hereupon called by Mr. Bradford the memorandum books aforesaid were produced.

On inspection of the Memorandum book of Silver by the Commissioners it appears that in said book under date of May 14th 1839 there is a return of bars 99-1 & 99-2 being the Silver deposite as melted together with other deposites in a melt of 1811.46 oz - But on the Silver Account Book of Mr. Norwell there is opposite the entry of Silvers deposite an entry as follows. "April 22d Melted into Ingots" whereupon the Commissioners called upon Mr. Norwell to explain this discrepancy between said entries in said Account Book & said Memorandum book to wit the statement in the

Mr. Norwell

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former that the Jackson
deposite 99-1 & 99-2 was
melted into ingots April 22d
and the statement in the
latter that bars No 99-1
99-2- were melted on 6th May
1819.

Explanation in writing
given by Mr. Maxwell

At the time the Jackson
deposite was received I noted
it as melted into ingots before
I had discovered that the bars
separate was missing on
which I reserved it until
the 6th of May when it was
made into a pot for ingots
as appears on my memoran-
dum book of that date the
entry was not corrected in
my a/c book because I con-
sidered it unimportant to make
any changes after I had called
for an investigation.

Being asked what de-
posite is designated by the
No 100 stated in said mem-
orandum book as melted
with the bars 99-1 & 99-2
on said 6th of May 1819,
Answers Mr. Gouby had

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numbered some bars with
paper before sending them
to my office for melting into
Ingots, thus changing some
or perhaps all of the Nos
stamped on the said bars.
They came to my office for
melting into Ingots with
these papers changing the
numbers originally stamped
upon them. I suppose said
deposits entered as No 190 in the
memorandum book to as
B. Pfeffle. I feel confident
that the stamped number of
Pfeffle so as not 100 but such
was the number put on the
paper upon the bars made
to correspond with the saw
entries upon the weighing
book. I had no other motive
for not correcting the entry
of date of melting into Ingots
in my account book than that
above assigned; that a difficul-
ty had occurred & having de-
manded an investigation I
deemed it improper to make
a change.

I do not know whether
under ordinary circumstances

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I verily have made the cor-
rections.

Being asked if he has
ever made a diligent search
in his vault & department
to satisfy himself that the
Casas deposited is not there.
Answers. I have not made
such a diligent search, not
deeming it necessary because
I had a knowledge of all that
is in my vault & department
& know it is not there.

Being asked to specify
if he can, the various deposits
which compound the melt
of 1811.46 g written in the
memorandum book under
date of 6th May 1839.
Ans. No 3 Bars from Refinery
No 99. 1 } Fulton
2 }
No 101 A. L. Lotta
No 100 B. Pfeiffer
No 102 D. H. Duff
& Copper

Quest. Do you or do you not
still continue the practice
of entering the date of melting
into your book before the
melting is actually made.

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Ans. Yes

Quest. Does not this practice necessarily expose you to confusion & mistakes.

Ans. It may produce some confusion occasionally but not often.

Quest. In the event of your death would the officers of the Mint be enabled to ascertain from your books the true dates of the transaction therein recorded with regard owing to melting.

Ans. They might not, I think they would not, but there would be no difficulty in adjusting accounts of the numbers on the bars as correctly made.

My memoranda of melts on particular days would not make any difference in the settlement of my accounts with the Depositors as I have to account for the amount of standard Bullion delivered to me whether melted one day or another.

Examination in behalf of Mr. Bradford.

I think the 11th of April

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was the first day on which I complained that Mr. Bradford's order in relation to the small deposites of Mexican dollars had been delayed.

Quest. I do not know of whose deposits it was that I complained of. I was merely informed that they were Mexican dollars. It was Mr. Levick whom I directed not to mark them. Levick is my principal mutter

Quest. You have stated that your object in receiving these coins was not for the purpose of exchanging them after they were in the mint, but that they should be reported me as at the principal mint, would not this practice involve the necessity of the payees certifying to an extra that the coins were such as might appear on the was the practice at the principal mint.

Quest. Was not your object in recommending this course that the payees should certify

Mr. Kappele

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to an Assay that he has not actually made?

Ans. Such was not my object.

Quest. By the words "that they should be reported on" in your testimony, do you mean by the Assayer?

Ans. Yes.

Quest. Could they be fairly reported on by the Assayer without being first melted?

Ans. I think they could.

Quest. In what way?

Ans. It is well known that the quality of the Mexican coin is about .896. I have averaged the deposites of Mexican dollars at the Philadelphia Mint for one or two years that gain is about ½ of 1 pct. They very seldom vary from that. It is the usage at the Mint at Philadelphia for the Assayer to make the reports in that way. Witness is directed to look at an Assayer's report exhibited to him & say whether the following words "to the fineness of the Mint Certificate"

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What I have assayed by "system by the assayer, is the same used the assayer in Philadelphia on the occasion above referred to.

Ans. It is the same.

Quest. You state you recommended a change in the mode of numbering, understanding the weighers to furnish you with the number of the melts instead of the number of the deposites. State how the weighers could determine the number of melts that would be necessary to take place in the melting room of transmitted.

Ans. The weighers could give the number of the first melt & it would be left to the melters to follow up the numbers afterwards that is the practice at the principal Mint.

Quest. Under that practice how could the assayers check prevent the number of the deposits so as to fill up the assayer's report?

Ans. For instance the bars deposited by Ligandi & Co on the 12th of April 1838 were all weighed separately but melted

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promiscuously & the numbers
continued as proposed.
Quest. Under that practice how
could the Treasurer's Clerk present
the number of the deposite so
as to prepare the weigher's
report?
Ans. I believe that the weig-
her's report is numbered but
that each deposite is not num-
bered on the weighing book
in Philadelphia.
Quest. Perceive what source
is the number on the weig-
her's report of the deposite
derived?
Ans. I am unable to answer
the question.
Quest. At the time that you
recommended the change in
the mode of numbering did
you suggest to the weighing
clerk or to any other person
the manner in which con-
fusion would be avoided by
the change?
Ans. I think I endeavored
to point it out at the time.
It is more convenient for
me. I believe it would avoid
much difficulty if it was

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practiced.

Quest. State to whom you pointed out the mode of avoiding confusion? to it

Ans. To Mr Dimsey

Quest. What directions did you give him on the subject of avoiding confusion in the change of numbers?

Ans. To continue the numbers; I had proposed this frequently before and it has been followed.

Quest. How did you propose to continue them in order to avoid confusion in the Treasurer's Office?

Ans. To continue a regular succession of numbers

Quest. Do you mean a regular succession of numbers of deposits, or regular succession of numbers of melts?

Ans. Regular succession of Melts, the number for each melt.

Quest. From what source would the Weigher derive under that plan the regular succession of numbers?

Ans. He would always ascer-

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the first number of the last deposite from the previous one by which he could ascertain the matter.

Quest. How could he ascertain the remaining numbers of the Melt?

Ans. I have stated before that would be left to the melter.

Quest. How then could he give the number of the next Melt?

Ans. He could not give it until the deposite was melted.

Quest. From what source could the assayer derive his information to fix the next number after melting, accurately?

Ans. When the deposite is received each parcel that is weighed may be numbered 1, 2, 3, & continued, but that does not interfere with the numbering after melting.

Quest. In case any one deposite should contain several melts numbered as you propose what number ought

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The Surgeon's report to bear
date. I cannot answer the
Question.

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Examination of Mr. Marshall continued

On this day Mr. Marshall, before the recommencement of his examination, expressed his desire to extend or explain in writting his answer to the last question propounded to him yesterday evening - this request being acceded to by the Commissioner, he furnished an answer thereto as follows:

Mr. Marshall wishes to have entered on the minutes the following explanation of his testimony lest he should not have succeeded in making himself distinctly understood

He had been fully occupied all the week in conducting the meeting & examining the voluminous papers & books in proof by day, & attending to this investigation by night, it having been one & ½ past one O'clock in the morning when this commission adjourned the two preceding nights & he had been under examination last night nearly 3 hours when he found himself so much fatigued & oppressed

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with the extreme heat that he was unable to answer the following questions:

Quest. "In case any one depositor should contain several moities of the same description of bullion numbered as your proposed what number ought the assayer's report to bear?"

"Cannot answer the question" when he should have said the assayer is in my opinion the proper person to answer this question, I however think his reports should be numbered in regular succession, filled up by the Clerk from the registers but it is not my province to be his judge or dictator in this matter & although requested to give the other officers & clerks information which I have at all times cheerfully done to the best of my abilities. I was employed to conduct a particular department which I have done with fidelity & success & am not to be held answerable for the errors or incapacity of others?

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Mr. further answers by way of illustration that the original numbers of Fichmer's deposits were:

No. 99.1 two bars in the same melt of
" 99.1 hammered dollars
" 99-2 One bar being one melt of French crowns.

The superpose of these different qualities of the silver in French crowns & in hammered dollars being of different qualities) had been numbered 99 & 100 it would have superceded the necessity of the additional numbers 1 & 2 & simplified the business very much, therefore he suggested to the weigher that he had better pursue that course which the weigher did by erasing the letter to change the numbers by making No 2 of 99 - No 100, omitting all the counter numbers which was so far complied with as to place 100 on the originally No 2 of 99 defacing the 99 but - the defacing the counter marks 1 & 2

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from the bars was unin-
tentionally omitted.

When a deposite is too
large for one melt the assay-
er assays 1 bar from each
melt & the numbers of ne-
cessity go on in regular
succession — the weigher could
not furnish the number
for a new deposite until
he knew how many melts
there had been in the previous
deposite & this he may know
as soon as the melt is over
as the bars could be returned
to him immediately there-
after.

Mr. Bradford

On behalf of Mr. Bradford. If this suggestion were
not practicable the weigher
had only to disregard it —
my duty was to conform
to the numbers he furnished.
Quest. You stated in your
official answer that in
stead of answering as you
did yesterday you should
have said the assayer in your
opinion is the proper person
to answer this question to
~~the proper person~~ — Please
state if at the principal mint

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in Philadelphia, it is the
practice of the assayer to
place the number on the
certificate.
Ans. I believe not.
Quest. Why then do you con-
sider it the duty of the
assayer to know what num-
ber should be placed on the
assayers report at this branch
Mint?
Ans. He the assayer has
had an opportunity of in-
forming himself on the
subject at the Mint in Phil-
adelphia.
Quest. You state, also, in your
extended answer "that when
a deposite is too large for
one melt, the assayer assays
one bar from each melt &
the No. of necessity go on
in regular succession" Please
state whether this is always
the case?
Ans. It is optional with
the assayer whether he assays
more than 1 bar; that is
the usual practice.
Quest. Have you not fre-
quently had bars with more

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than 1 bar of the same melt
for the purpose of assay in
the course of your operations
Ans. I have devided melts
into 2 parts for the purpose
of testing the correctness
of the assay.
Quest. You state also under
your proposed plan of num-
bering "that the weigher
could not furnish the num-
ber for a new deposite until he
knew how many melts
there had been in the previous
deposite" Would not this
plan make the weigher
dependant on the Melter
& Refiner for the particular
numbers to attach to his
deposits?
Ans. I refer to the written
statement made today for
the answer.
Quest. As that written
statement consists of 8
pages please point out
the particular part re-
ferred to?
Ans. The witness here di-
rected from the statement
the following answer

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The weigher could not furnish the number for a new deposite until he knew how many melts there had been in the previous deposite & this may be known as soon as melt is over; as the bars could be returned to him immediately thereafter"

Quest. Do you or do you not mean to say that the weigher is to ascertain the number of a subsequent deposite from the Nos stamped on the bars that are returned to him by the Mother & Refiners

Ans. yes.

Quest. Be so good as to state whether you brought a letter from D. Patterson to the Treasurer of the Branch Mint in which he was referred to yourself for information stating in substance that you were familiar with all the details & operations of the Mint?

Ans. I believe he did.

Quest. Please look upon the following instruction

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John the Director at this
for the regulation of the
Branch Mint at N. O. viz
"From time to time, the
Treasurer by his weigher
delivers Gold & Silver bul-
lion & Clippings to the
Melter & Refiner, both
of these officers mathem-
atics of such deliveries in
small weigh books"
State whether this instruc-
tion, or a practice in con-
formity with it has been
observed & introduced into
this Branch Mint?
Ans. As far as I am con-
cerned I have made entries
of the receipts of clippings,
the delivery of ingots in
the small weigh book,
& the receipt of Bullion in
my Silver & Gold Bullion
Books.

Here Mr. Maxwell was
called upon by Mr. Bradford
to produce his small weigh
book & he, Mr. Maxwell
produced a book

Examined by Mr.
Mitchell.

Mr. Maxwell

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Quest. Were there any deliveries to you from the Treasurer of assayed gold or Silver bullion or clippings for melting into ingots between the 17th & 19th April 1839 & if so why are not said deliveries recited in said book first produced?

Ans. There were such deliveries of silver Bullion on the 18th of April; they were not recited in said book, because I found it more convenient to enter the several items in my Silver bullion book, in which book they were entered on that day, it being always my practice to enter the Bullion in that book & the clippings & ingots in the small weigh book.

Quest. What is the object of this distinction as to your mode of making entries?

Ans. The clippings come to & are carried by me to my bullion book in the

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aggregates, but it is necessary to have the several items of Bullion appropriated in the Bullion books.

Examined by Mr. Bradford

Quest. Do you feel bound by the entries you make in the Coin & small weigh book with regard to Ship Drops?

Ans. Yes.

Quest. Do you feel equally bound by the entries you make in the other books with regard to bullion?

Ans. On receiving the bullion I do feel equally bound

Quest. Was that last book you mentioned the one in which the Cases deposite is entered?

Ans. Yes.

Quest. Please state whether your proposed plan of numbering the deposites did not necessarily derange the mode of numbering previously adopted by the weigher as entered in his weighing book?

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Ans. I would not derange any entry previous to the alteration — It was necessary to alter the entry of the No. of the Tichnor deposite

Quest. Want your objection in your new mode of numbering to have the Nos of Notes follow each other in regular consecutive order?

Ans. Yes, it was

Quest. Was not the deposite No 96 the last note previous to the Tichnor deposite?

Ans. It was the last note, but the Nos of the two following deposites could have been put in the pan with the said two following deposites.

Quest. Was the No 96 stamped upon the bars of the deposite just spoken of? was it the last No returned stamped upon the bars?

Ans. Yes.

Quest. Was the Tichnor deposite the next sent out?

Ans. I suppose it was, I cannot speak with certainty.

Quest. Does not the No 91 as

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attend in the Fichner deposite by the clerk correspond with the right number for the next melt.

Ans. No.

Quest. after 96 what ought to have been the No stamped upon the next deposit put out?

Ans. On the plan proposed by me the Nos should have been 99. 100.

Quest. Did you request the weighing Clerk to send such Nos? viz 99. 100?

Ans. I did not.

Quest. Did you not suggest to Mr Debnesky that it would be better to do away with the numbering of each deposite & adopt the system of numbering the melts by Setter?

Ans I did on the weigh book.

Quest. You have stated that deposite No 96 was the last melted previous to the Fichner deposite & that the Nos of the deposite could have been put in the pans with the respective deposites,

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– To what deposites do you allude. ?

Ans. The No 97 could have been put in the pan of the bullion deposited by Topham & the No 93 in the pan of the Bullion of the Sheriff's deposite.

Quest. Were not those last deposites mentioned among the deposites reserved under your recommendation for a full melt.

Ans. Yes.

Quest. What pans did you allude to above as the ones in which the Nos of these deposites could have been put when they were to be thus reserved & commingled with others small deposites

Ans. The pans used in the neighboring Office. There are a great number in the Mint for that purpose.

Quest. Were you present when the bar stamped No 99 was changed to 100.

Ans. I believe I was in the room.

Quest. Do you recollect the

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the time? on what day?
Ans. I believe that it was on the following morning after it was melted.
Quest. Was it before or after you had taken an account in your bullion book?
Ans. It was before
Quest. Did you make the entry in your bullion book afterwards in conformity with that change?
Ans. I did not.
Quest. State the reason why you did not?
Ans. I copied from the weighing book & assayers report.
Quest. Had you any doubts of the correctness of the assayers report at the time you copied it in your book?
Ans. I had not at the time I did not examine the quality reported.
Quest. Please examine your book the title of the bar the No of which was changed from 99 to 100 & state what was the title by the assayers report?
Ans. 996.

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Quest. What is the usual fineness of French crowns?
Ans. I believe 909.
Quest. Have you ever known any counterfeits of French crowns?
Ans. I have not.
Quest. Have you often melted French crowns before?
Ans. Yes, at the Mint.
Quest. Do not the difference of 13 Millms between the coins melted & their average title such a circumstance as ought to be noticed by the Officers when such a difference should occur in the operations of the Mint?
Ans. I suppose the assayer should have noticed it at once.
Quest. Is it not to your knowledge that the did so & made repeated assays of that same lot?

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Ans. I am under the impression that it was not until after the Commissioners that the assays were reported.

Quest. Did you ever give any notice to the Superintendent of this discrepancy in the title of these French crowns?

Ans. I believe not.

Quest. Did you see yourself those French crowns mentioned?

Ans. I was not present. I saw them in the melting room & have no doubt about their having been melted & returned to the Treasury.

Quest. From the reported title of the bar marked M^r & afterwards 100 — do you believe that bar to have been the French crowns

Ans. I do not.

Quest. Have you ever found French crowns before of title of 916?

Ans. I believe I have not.

Quest. Have you any mode of accounting satisfactorily to yourself why the title in this instance should be as

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Ans. I believe I can account for it. I do not believe that the bar No. 2 of 997 & of the wares 100 was assayed for the Jackson report.

Quest. What Bullion do you suppose was assayed for the Jackson report?

Ans. Many No 1 & 2 of 99.

Quest. Will you state your reasons why you think so?

Ans. On the morning that the discovery was made that the Cass deposite was missing on inspecting the parcel of bullion of the Jackson deposite I observed that three assay pieces had been taken off from each bar & remarked it to Mr. Bradford — Mr. Bradford immediately went to the assayers office & returned with the assay piece which he said had been taken off by mistake by Dr. Short & spotted it to one of the bars of the Jackson deposite saying that it corresponded. He remarked at the same time that when

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Ques. Did you make the discovery by Dr. Abbott said it carefully by.

Quest. What discovery do you allude to?

Ans. The discovery of the mistake in taking off the three assay pieces.

Examined by Mr. Riddell.

Quest. Is it not usual when there are a number of bars from the same melt to take an assay piece off each bar?

Ans. It may be safe but I do not consider it necessary in assaying silver.

Examined by Mr. Bradford.

Quest. Were there not two separate melts in this case?

Ans. Yes

Quest. Were you present when Mr. Bradford assayed the assay piece to the bar?

Ans. Yes. I saw it

Quest. Did you any other person see it?

Ans. There were other persons in the room. Mr. Tyler was

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present I believe Mr. Levick the Master was present & also Mr. Dimsey Quest. To which bar was this assay piece of plate to the No. 100 or to one of the 99 ones?

Ans. I cannot say — assay pieces are all about the same size & assay pieces from the bars of this description would have about the same appearance.

Quest. Did you assist Mr. Bradford in making the comparison of the assay piece with the place from which it had been taken out.

Ans. No

Quest. Please state why you did not.

Ans. I was satisfied at the time that there had been a mistake & did not consider it important that I should assist Mr. Bradford

Quest. What did Bradford say on that occasion

Ans. I cannot recollect the

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of a set of words, but the amount of what he said was that it corresponded with the bar with which I compared it.

Quest. Were you present & did you hear what Mr. Richford said to Mr. Tyler on the subject of the agreement of the assay piece with the bar at that time?

Ans. I do not recollect any remark made at that time to Mr. Tyler by Mr. Bradford on that subject.

Quest. Recurring to the subject of the weigh-book for delivery of bullion mentioned in the institution of the Director before referred to - did you give any instructions to the clerk as to how you were to be debited & credited, was it in writing or pencil mark & what were the instructions?

Ans. I have given instructions to the clerk to debit me with all the bullion received into the mint &

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Dr Springs delivered to me & to credit me with all the ingots delivered to the Treasurer by me these instructions were given on a slip of paper in pencil mark for the purpose of settling my account, knowing that the Treasurer had no regular a/c of the transfer of bullion to me at that time, & believing that I had received all the bullion that had been brought into the Mint.

The instructions were for the purpose of settlement at that time.

Enoch When you heard that Mexican Dollars had been sent out & when you ~~said~~ ordered them not to be melted & said you would go to the Treasurers Office—did you at that time see the Mexican dollars alluded to? Ans. I cannot say that I did — I am under the impression that I saw the two pieces in which the coin was in the closet in the melting

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room which is close to the
stand upon which the
Sub-treasurer's desk was placed
Is the last the place to
which bullion is generally
taken to from the Treasurer's
Office to the meeting room?
Ans. Yes.
2nd Q. You have stated that
the warrants signed by
the Superintendent have
not been regularly issued to
you viz. those connected
with your department
are there not two classes
of those warrants which
when endorsed operate one
class amounting to a re-
ceipt from you to the
Treasurer & another receipt
from the Treasurer to you
Ans. Yes.
2nd Q. Have those warrants
which operate a receipt
to you ever been withheld
when the other class has
been duly endorsed by you
& to State when?
Ans. They never have, but
it is the duty of the Treasurer
to prepare both classes of

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(Int) + warrants if having the warrant books in my possession Quest. You have stated that you have always been ready on your part both materials for a settlement by having all the necessary entries in your book — do you mean the book in which the Cases deposite appears erased or is that book included in the books referred to?
Ans. That is the book for which he makes his settlements of Silver
Quest. You have stated that "at the time the Cochineal deposite was received, you noted it as matter unto migote before you had discovered that the Cases deposite was missing in which you are served it until the 6th of May when it was made into a pot for migote"
Please state why was that reservation necessary?
Ans. I believe that it was at the request of Mr. Bradford the day that the difficulty was discovered that

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the Treasurer that he could not receive the parcel of bullion about to be delivered on the 22nd of April until the difficulty was adjusted but after investigating this difficulty for some time I received the bullion & I believe melted the same day the deposite by the Atchafalaya Banks.

Quest. Did you pursue the business of your department thereafter as usual?

Ans. I think so up to the present time.

Quest. Have you or Mr Dimitry ever made a calculation on the subject of how much bullion there ought to remain in the Treasurers vault exclusive of the Paris deposite since the difficulty respecting that affair?

Ans. I have.

Quest. What was the result of that affair calculation & the examination if any was made?

Ans. Mr Dimitry could account for $900 from the small

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calculation book in which some of these small deposites were entered including Nos 97 & 98 on my Bullion book which had been entered on the 18th April but had not been received. There were about $1300 by calculation on weighing Mexican Dollars brought from the Treasurer's Vault.

Quest. Did that account of $1300 agree with the calculations you both made of what ought to be there?

Ans. By calculation on weighing we agreed that there were $1300 & that the amt of small deposites on the small calculation book together with the Nos 97 & 98 on my silver Bullion book amounted to $900.

Quest. How did you account for the excess of $400 over & above the amount found from the books before mentioned containing the deposites?

Ans. I believe that at the time the Domini Canas deposited made part of that excess.

Quest. Have you any idea of

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what made the balance?
Ans. I have no idea, Mr. Dimitry said at the time that the specie had been received for small change. Mr. Dimitry at the time that the calculations were about being made from the small calculation book said that the deposite by Albrum & Savinay of $100 had been received, although it was erased out, at that time marked it "right" said Book is a book endorsed "small deposite book belonging to the Treasurer's office" the calculation was made by both of us with reference to the entries in said book there were $700 taken from said last mentioned book & two hundred dollars from my book. My impression is that the last entry in said book of the Treasurer's office now appearing there, has been made since the period of said Calculation, the papers then were filed by Mr Dimitry under title "of account of small

Mr. Hoffman's Deposite.

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depositor returned" does not
correspond with the calcula-
tion made by me & Dimity
as above stated—
Quest. Does not said account
of returned deposites correspond
precisely with the original
entries in the weighing book
as exhibited on the form sheet
~~Sheet~~ and together with them
on the small ~~depo~~ book?
Ans. They correspond
Quest. Have you not stated sub-
stantially to one or more
persons that you & Mr. Dimity
had made a calculation & ex-
amination of the bullion in
the Treasurer's Vault in order
to ascertain the amount
which ought to remain there
exclusive of the Cash Deposite
& that your calculation & exam-
ination agreed?
Ans I never did
Here Mr. Bradford & Hoff-
well called for the Mint certif-
icate & the Treasurer's receipt
in the case of the deposite of
J. Pfeiffer for $210 dated under
date of 22 April 1837. Sd Cash
as A. Dimity deposites this

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examined filed.

When called the Treasurers Clerk answered that he cannot find the original receipt to Gilpin, & cannot tell if there be a Patent certificate without searching in the vaults which he will do however on

The margin of the certificate book shows a record as follows. Viz

No 116 Silver Bottom deposited by Gilpin Mexican coin.

Date of deposite 22d April 1839
Date of certificate 26th April 1839
Net value $200

Mr Hoffman then called for the production of the original entry in the Bullion Register of receipt & payment in this case which the Treasurers Clerk answered upon examination of the Bullion register that there is no entry about the deposite the

Mr Dimitry further added that all the confusion has happened from the mixed deposite system of the Mexican

(18) 12 18.

Collated.

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Met agreeably to adjournment

Same persons present

Mr. Dimitry was sworn

Examined by the Commissioner.

I was not present at the whole conversation between Mr. Bradford & Mr. Maxwell in the weighing office after I came in. I had no conversation between Mr. Bradford & Mr. Maxwell on the subject of the assay piece.

Mr. Tyler was sworn

Examined by the commissioner.

I have but little recollection of the conversation between Mr. Bradford & Mr. Maxwell in the weigh room as to the Fichner assays.

I have an indistinct recollection of Mr. Bradford bringing down an assay piece & comparing it with the Fichner bars, I cannot recollect what was said by Mr. Bradford of the bars

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comparison, nor what was the result ~~natural~~ of the comparison. I presume he paid but little attention to that part of the discussion otherwise I suppose I should have recollected what conversation passed on that point.

Mr. Ducoin was called and sworn.

Examined by the Commissioner.

Produces the memorandum spoken of in his previous testimony — It is in these words, written on a small slip of paper viz with.

"$12 Conté par moi
J.B.D. Damien Casas
Dépt"

I found this memorandum yesterday in my armoir at my house — I am sure it is the same I made at the time stated in my previous testimony —

Said paper is filed.

Mr. Ducoin. Ex. by Com.

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~~Not approved by the Commissioner~~

Mr. Bradford nothing to continue his cross-examination of Mr. Mayfield.

Mr. Mayfield having declared under oath that the state of his health would not allow of his undergoing an examination, the Commissioner postponed the cross-examination of Mr. Mayfield to monday next, at which time he was requested to hold himself in readiness for the resumption of the cross examination & in the mean time was excused from further attendance as a witness.

The Commissioner here stated to the parties that from the shortness of the time left him before his intended departure for the north & the great consumption of time which had hitherto occurred in the examination of witnesses, he felt it necessary, in future, with the exception of the cross-examination of Mr. Mayfield to conduct the examination of witnesses entirely himself

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The Commissioners also stated to the Superintendent that he desired a communication to be issued to the different departments, permitting the suspension of business on Monday & Tuesday next, of which permission the different officers might avail themselves if they deemed proper, for the purpose of preparing the accounts called for in writing yesterday evening & to be produced on Tuesday night the 2d of July.

Examination of Mr. Bradford resumed by Mr. Whitall.

Quest. Do you know of any charges made by the Alter & Reformer against Dr. Hart respecting errors in spray, if so state the nature of such charges, & when they were made.

Ans. Previous to the 5th of May 1838 such charges had been frequently made. After that period spray pieces were taken with to Philadelphia for spray & the result proved the correctness of Dr. Hart's assays

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And subsequently that at before the 29th of June last the complaints by Mr Shapwell of the incorrectness of Dr Hart's assays being received addressed a letter to Mr Shapwell directing him to make some enquiries at the Mines of Tegardia & Co on the subject of some pigs of Silver containing Gold.

The next complaints were made in Janry 1859. Mr Shapwell charged Dr Hart with having erroneously assayed me to two bars of Gold.

Court. Did you diligently examine into the subject of these charges, & if so, state what opinion you formed as to their truth or falsity & the grounds of such opinion

Ans. I did diligently examine into them & my opinion of them was that they were false the grounds of this opinion was the experiment mentioned in my letter to the Director of the 5th of May 1858 the assays made in

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Philadelphia The acknowledgment of Mr. Maxwell himself, in June last, that one of two bars of Gold each of which was marked No 2 which he, Miller & Refiner had represented to me as being of the same melt but which on assay differed in fineness 24 Mills from the other bar of Gold, the observation of Mr. Maxwell was that Mr. Bassett, the foreman of the Melting department must have put something in the pot.

Quest. Did Mr. Maxwell ever state any thing to you in conversations on this subject respecting one Humphreys, if so, State what he said respecting him.

Ans. He said that Mr. Humphreys mixed the Bullion in June 1838, in consequence of which he required a re-assay a quantity of Silver ever having Gold had been then cut into thin strips & cut up into pieces of 6. 12 or 18 inches & some not cut at

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This bullion Mr. Maxwell represented to me as having been mixed up by Humphreys Quest. Did Mr. Maxwell ever call upon you to recommend the dismissal of Dr. Hart, if so when, & what reasons were assigned?

Ans. No, not formally. I inferred that it was Mr. Maxwells wish that he, Dr. Hart should resign, for the reasons that Mr. Maxwell complained that Dr. Harts assays were erroneous. I recollect that substantially Mr. Maxwell charged in the last summer, Dr. Hart with having erroneously assayed to a loss of 4 ℔ of Gold, & that the Melter & Refiner could stand such erroneous assaying.

I the Commissioner have called on Mr. Maxwell for a written statement detailing what he had charged against Dr. Hart in relation to erroneous assays & the grounds & particulars of his objections in relation

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to the Surveyors course &
reports in such matters.
The Treasurer & Superin-
tendent are requested to
afford to the Assayer & Refiner
all proper facilities by
inspection of books, docu-
ments & otherwise for the
preparation of this statement
which is expected to be filed
under oath in writing on
Monday 1st. of July & Dr. Hart
will be allowed until Tues-
day 2d. July to file a writ-
ten reply under oath to
such charges; both parties
are expected to confine them-
selves to the subject of erro-
neous assays made or charg-
ed to have been made by
Dr. Hart.
Quest. Did the Assayer & Refiner
state to you that he could
demonstrate from the books
of the establishment or any
portion of them the incor-
rectness of Dr. Harts assays
Ans. He did — He made this
remark in the Summer of
1858 — & again this year not
long since.

Mr. Blanchard.

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Quest. Do you conceive your-
self as having sufficient
scientific acquaintance
with the subject to express
an opinion as to the prosperi-
ty of the mode in which
Mr. Mayfield has conducted
the operations in the separ-
ating room

Ans. I do not, but from
hearing him, Mr. Mayfield
say that he did on a large
scale what was done in
the assaying room on a
small one. I have thought
that in the separating room
the chloride of silver as it
is termed was not sufficient-
ly agitated, having witness-
ed that to be the most te-
dious part of the operation in
the assay room.

Quest. You were present at
the giving on yesterday ev-
ening by Mr. Mayfield of his
testimony on the subject of
the comparison of an assay
piece made by you in the
weigh room & your remarks
& conduct on that occasion
Make of you desire any additions

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Statement or explanation
on that subject.

Ans. Sunder did say that
the assay piece corresponded,
on the contrary I stated to
Mr. Tyler that it did not
suit at all — & I have a dis-
tinct recollection at this
moment of the want of cor-
respondence from the dif-
ference of complexion between
the assay piece & the bars,
the Castile being of a dark
Lead colour, but the assay
piece was perfectly flash
Quest. Is it or is it not the
usage of the Treasurer's Office
to make entries of Foreign
Coins deposited where the
Depositor is paid within
four or five days afterwards
in small change, for instan.
an amount of £200?

Ans. In such a case I think
the deposits would be sought
& an entry made. I have
not attended sufficiently to
the practice in relation to
small deposits to know
what the precise usage is
but I should think

Mr. Rives

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Question that he brought in the month of April last 200 Mexican dollars to the Mint & that about four or five days afterwards he was paid $200 in small change of 5c dimes. Do you think that in such a case a receipt should have been issued to him & a mint certificate given & endorsed by him before receiving payment of such endorsed certificate preserved as a voucher

Ans. I think that a receipt ought to have been given to him by the Clerk, a receipt of a particular character, the procedure not being regular & that no Mint certificate should have been issued at all

Quest. Do you think that the transaction of Gulpin should have been recorded in the Silver Bullion Register, or in some permanent record book of the treasurer's office?

Ans. I do not think that it should have been recorded in the Silver Bullion Register

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under it, that should be inferred from the instructions in relation to the purchase of bullion & which I do not now recollect.

This transaction I now consider as essentially a purchase of bullion for coinage, but at the time of the adoption of the rule for the reserved deposites, I did not consider it in the same light & made no reference to the instructions, but considered myself authorized by the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to the distribution of small change in the Valley of the Mississippi.

Quest. In what respect is the case of Gulpin distinguishable from the deposite of Tichnor recorded in the Bullion Register as received on the 18th. April & paid on the 20th. of April?

Ans. The Tichnor deposite I find (on an inspection of the register) to be one of hammered dollars which

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required to be melted, the other, I have understood to be of Mexican Dollars coins reserved under my directions for a full melt.

Quest. In what respect is the case of Jno Lpi distinguishable from the case of D. Casas described as Mex. dollars on the Bullion Register & therein recorded as received on the 18th of April & paid on the 20th of April?

Ans. Only in this, that Casas deposite was received as an ordinary deposite for coinage which was contrary to the my previous directions. The Jno Lpi deposite was received in conformity with my directions for small deposites.

Quest. In what respect does the said Jno Lpi case differ from the case of B. Pettit recorded in the Bullion Register as Mex. Dollars received on the 6th of May & paid on the 8th of May

Ans. On the 22d of April as I believe, I left the subject to

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the discretion of the Treasurer who protested against the reserved deposites, & if then considered my directions as rescinded.

2nd Quest. What the case of D. Casas recorded in the weighing book as paid in small changes?

Ans. It is

2nd Quest. On weighing night 82 Lizardis, were there to more than not found to 8 ounces of gold in June 1838—

I knew nothing about said night except the following memoranda viz:

~~[illegible]~~

M. S. Bathurst New Orleans June 29 1838.

The enclosed pieces of silver containing gold were taken by me from an ingot cast in the Quarter eagle ingot molds No 82 one from the bottom the other from the top of the ingot

David Bradford Dep.

Enclosed No 1 and No 2 corresponding with the shears D B.

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Assay prices, June 29 — 1858.

On the trial of reassaying silver containing gold, two prices were taken down of opposite ends of same ingots (the quarter eagle size) & numbered the one from the bottom end No 1 & the price from the opposite end No 2. Ingot on melt No 2.

Mr. Bradford

Reg'd by Assayer July 1858

He produced the assay prices which deponent had preserved & forgot to return to the Melter & Refiner at the time Deponent returned Mr. Maxwells letter complaining of the erroneous assays of Dr. Hart — the assay prices & memoranda produced were wrapped up together by deponent & now produced

Deponent gave the assay prices himself to the assayer.

Deponent does not know that there is an account of the weight of said ingot #2

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after assay to be found in the weighing book— Does not know if the Melter & Refiner was charged with any loss relating thereto in his gold acct. in July last—

Mr. Bradford here gives over the said assay pieces to the Melter & Refiner.

Atty. Did not Mr. Maxwell write you a letter in June 1838 stating the excess of gold in the Liz in dispute and did you not in the 17th of July in your letter to the Director say that the gold account was correct.

Mr. Maxwell wrote to me 7th or about that date in relation to said deponents account know whether he stated an excess or deficiency — and stated in Deponents letter to Director of 17 July 1838 that Mr. Maxwells gold account was correct — Previous to which the difficulty between Mr. Maxwell & Dr. Hart was settled & Deponent returned them their correspondence — Deponent was settled an ongoing

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into said difficulty as to
gold in July 1838— for the
purpose of ascertaining the
amount & to whom it belongs
The principal object was to
know whether the assayer
was right or wrong— Was
perfectly satisfied that the
assayer was right on that
particular occasion.
Quest. Am directed by the
Secy of the Treasury to en-
quire into the qualifications
& efficiency of Mr Thurston
for Melter & Refiner & of
either Mr M. D. Dimmy or
Mr Brown as coiner, & re-
commended to succeed the
Melter & Refiner & the coin

Can you suggest to me
the names of any scientific
& person or persons compe-
tent to express an opinion
on such subject who are
acquainted with the qual
ifications of said gentlemen

Mr Bradford suggests
that Mr F. Garcia Genl
Pleasants & Dr Hart be
referred to on this sub-
ject.

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The commissioner requested Mr. Bradford to ask the attendance of these gentlemen at 6 O'clock on Tuesday evening

Mr. Bradford

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Examination of Mr Maxwell resumed.

On behalf of Mr Bradford.

Ques. In your extended answer presented this day to the last question put to you on a former occasion you state that the torn leaves were not produced until after the calculation was made — Please state what day of the month the calculation was made?

Ans. The calculation was made on the 22d of April.

Ques. When were you first informed that a sheet had been removed from the weighing book?

Ans. I first discovered it myself the morning the calculation was made on an examination of the weighing book.

Ques. Did you mention the discovery to any one?

Ans. I mentioned it to Mr Demetry, that there had been two leaves torn out.

Ques. Did Mr Demetry or any other person search

Mr Maxwell

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for I find them. & if any other person, state who?
Ans: Mr Bradford informed me that Mr Parker brought the leaves to him that evening or on the following morning.
Quest: Have you seen the displaced leaves?
Ans: I have, & have examined them.
Quest: Have they ever been kept from your examination, have you not had full access to them?
Ans: I believe so.
Quest: If the object in displacing that sheet in the weighing book had been to conceal anything in relation to the Cases deposited, state, how in your opinion could the person removing it avail himself of such removal for the purpose of concealment?
Ans: I prefer not answering the question.
Quest: In your book labelled "Gold Melts — Branch Mint New Orleans. — Melter & Refiner" & on the page headed

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United States Branch Mint
New Orleans January 25 1839
Gold J deliver granulated for
separation in which entries
are made against Chas 24
-76 Jr to the bottom of the
page— Please state from
what source those entries
are derived!
Ans. From my gold bulli-
-on book.
Ques. State from what sourc
are the entries in your gold
bullion book derived?
Ans: For the most part from
the weighing book & the as-
-sayers reports
Ques. From what source is
the other part of the above
mentioned entries derived?
Ans: I have one charge of
assay pieces 1 7/100 oz which
is not derived from the as-
-sayers reports, or the weigh-
-ing book
Ques. Is that all the entry ex-
-cept the ones derived from
the assayer's reports & the
weighing book
Ans. I believe so.
Ques. Are you sure the entries

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above mentioned in your Gold Melt book aforesaid correspond with the weighing book & assayers reports?
Ans. Yes they do. They correspond in quality with the assayers reports.
Qu. Look upon the page preceding the one referred to & particularly the Settle of Bars No 2 & No 3 & No 4 & state from what source you derive the Settles respectively fixed to them as on the book.
Ans: From the assayers report.
Qu: Upon examination of the 1st entry on the form sheet it appears in regard to the Cuba deposite that the entry shews an increase of weight of about 190 ℔ between the gross weight before melting according to said form sheet & the weight after melting. State whether the weigher said any thing to you in reference to a mistake about that weight committed by himself?
Ans. Mr Demeby remarked

Mr Mason

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that there was a mistake
that it should be 173 oz
it appeared to be 183 oz— I
remarked to him that it
was a very strange thing
that he should make the
same mistake after as be-
fore melting— He ac-
counted for it by saying
that the weights remained
in the scales until it was
melted for as it weighed the
same, he did not think it
necessary to examine the
weights or something to
that purpose.
Quest. Was this before or after
you stated that the Cakes
deposited was not sent out
to the Melting room?
Ans. It must have been
after.
Quest. Was it before or after
you discovered that the slut
had been displaced from
the weighing book?
Ans. It was after on the same
day.
Quest. By the Commissioner
Did you take the Entry in
your silver bullion Book of

Mr Macondo

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the Clerk deposits from the
town clerk or, from the new
entries thereof in the weigh
book?
Ans: From the new
Ques: How often at what stage
of the proceeding & at what time
of the day were you in the habit
of transferring entries from
the weigh book into the Silver
Bullion book?
Ans: I have no stated period.
I generally receive it when
there is enough for two or
three melts, after assay,
being most of the time out
of Bullion. I make these
entries mostly in the fore-
noon & receive the bullion
at that time.
The weigh books of Mr
Maxwell being called
for Mr Maxwell produced
two Memorandum books—
on inspection these books are
found to contain entries
as to clippings & Ingots re-
turned to Bicarbury, but
contain no entries of receipts
of bullion for melting from
the Treasurers office—&c.

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Mr. Maxwell requests to refer to his Bullion book which has been produced for information as to bullion received by him for Treasurer & his Testimony heretofore given for further explanation—
(called for on the 2d July)

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Edward R. Brown sworn
Examined by the Commission-
-er.

I am aged 21 years my
profession is that of a
Theoretical & Practical
Machinist I have been
engaged in that profession
since I was 18 years of age.
I was engaged for the
mint at Philadelphia
on the 1st of May 1837 as
foreman for the coiners
department & commenced
my operations on the 19th
of December of that year.
I remained there until
about the 1st of July 1838
Mr Tyler was here while
I was employed he was
here as chief coiner.
I have heard conversa-
tions between Mr Tyler
& Mr Maxwell on the sub-
ject of Southern Affects.
I have heard a conversati-
on between Mr Tyler &
Maxwell on the subject
of the weigh master, they
seemed by their the impres-
-er on that it was thought

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to make the appointment
of weigh master. Their
desire was that a brother
of Mr Tyler should have
the place of Mr Maxwell
about this time Mr Burel
came to the mint as an
applicant for this appoint-
ment. I heard Mr Max-
-well remark to Mr Pa-
-ker after seeing Mr Bu-
-rel that he supposed
Mr Burel was an infe-
-rior Frenchman that
probably had been a
clerk in some store &
would weigh within a-
-bout ½ gr. I did not know
whether or not this remark
was made maliciously
but afterwards came to
the conclusion that it was
for this reason that Mr
Maxwell & Tyler seemed
to fear that if a number
of Treasury officers came
into the Mint, & were not
kept out, they Maxwell &
Tyler would eventually
lose their offices my opin-
-ion is that the intention

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of Maxwell & Tyler to get such subordinate officers as they could manage & particularly to get him a weigh Master L.2. point a needle or some small work of the sort at which he can occupy time he does very well, but as a practical workman he considers him as inefficient — As a Theoretical Machinist I consider him as respectable but I consider him an efficient as a practical & general machinist — I have been informed by Tyler's former partners that he has failed nearly all his partners, that they were obliged to sell out or get rid of him to save themselves.

I was employed in the Mint here & in Philadelphia with Mr Tyler about a year & upwards — I was employed by Mr Tyler for the purpose of learning at the Mint in Philadelphia the operations of the coining

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Mr. Barnard

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department with a view
of coming to New Orleans
to teach all the hands here.
When the Machinery ar-
rived in New Orleans it
was in as good order as
could be expected coming
from such a distance.
It required some clearing
from mud to put it in
operation.
It was found neces-
sary to make some chan-
ges in the building when
the Machinery arrived, but
I think that one month
would have been sufficient
to make these alterations
in the building.
All the machinery was
here in the building when
we came here in December
excepting some tools. These
tools were not however ne-
cessary to put the corner's
department in operation.
There was nothing wanting
that was necessary to com-
mence operations.
Quest. At what period do you
conceive the corner could not

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reasonable diligence have commenced the regular operation of working?
Ans. I think that he might have commenced in 3 months without any difficulty whatever — say the 1st of March 1838. even then I think that a month would have been wasted —
Quest. Was any machinery condemned by the coroner?
Ans. 1st The draw cunning pressed were condemned.
2d The Stilling press or machine
3d The Rolls were condemned
4th The Steam Engine
5th Some of the cutting presses
6th The Draw bench excepting the saws were condemned by Mr Tyler.
Quest. State the reason why the cunning pressed were condemned & whether the condemnation was reasonable & if otherwise why not reasonable?
Ans. Mr Tyler said to me what is your interest is mine & what is mine is your's. Mr Tyler said to me I wish

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you to give the men to understand that this machinery is ineffergent & will not answer the purpose for which it was intended, but said he Mr Tyler if I can keep Mr Peel away & make some little alteration to suit my purpose then I shall shine—

His alteration was to strengthen the triangle by putting 2 pieces in the centre of the alter the pivots— a short time after he altered the socket & ball of the point by making them smaller. These were all the alterations in the half dime press.——

He also altered the triangle in the half dollar press in the same way that he had altered the triangle in the half dime press

The third press was not altered, but was put in the machine shop to rust instead of being put up as it ought to have been. The quarter Dollar press now in the machine room is as capable of working as either of the

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other two pressed with the exception of the triangle— which is not strong enough to hold the die & new triangle was brought out from Philadelphia for the purpose of replacing in the room of its original triangle— On trial in Philadelphia one made on the same pattern was found to be sufficiently strong— I think the above alterations were improper & will eventually prove so. These presses can be used now but I think they will be found to wear the die more than if they had put in the triangle that was brought out intended to replace the one in the press it would have been stiffer & would have held the die fast & have prevented its moving— It was much more work to alter the triangle as it now is than it would have been to finish the new one. I considered it improper to alter the bolt & socket as afterwards he, Mr Tyler was obliged to fix

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a plan to make it obstruct, as it is now fixed, unless altered since, I have left; otherwise he would have had to throw it out & adopt it as it was before. as the point of bearing was so much less that it created more friction.

2nd. a ball & socket being now exhibited to the witness of the ball appearing to have lost a considerable portion of its surface towards the extremity of the circle where it meets the socket exhibiting a rough & porous appearance the witness is asked if he knows whether this ball & socket were among those sent out from Philadelphia or were prepared here & to what press they belong? Ans. I cannot swear whether that ball & socket or either of them were made here or sent out from Philadelphia for they can be made so much alike that they cannot be distinguished one from the

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Ans. I have no recollection of seeing any crack in the socket of the one sent out from Philadelphia, from the one exhibited that appears to be a crack— The one exhibited appears to belong to the 5 dollar press.

Ques. From examination of this ball & socket, state to what cause you would attribute the abrasion of the surface of said ball & the rough & damaged condition which it exhibits.

Ans. Occasioned by not keeping it properly oiled it is impossible to wear the surface as it is, if kept properly oiled.— The proof of this is by ascertaining how much was coined before it was thus injured. I believe that the injury was done in less than 10 minutes after the first commencement.

There was some foundering & brightening work done which I considered unnecessary & which

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expended time to no purpose.
I cannot tell how much
time was spent in brighten-
ing machinery it was done
to keep the hands from idle-
ness I paid extra time at that
I believe that the coining
presses were designed by
Mr Paul & made according
to his plan.

State the reason as-
signed by the Dyler for
the condemnation of the mil-
ling press or machine?
Ans: That with regard to
the milling presses there
were no important changes
made to them - if there were
any changes they were tri-
fling they were taken a-
part & cleaned & no alter-
ations to my knowledge.
We put them in position
after their connexion with
the propelling power was
made.
Ques: Did you consider the
work as stated done by the
milling press or machine
as necessary or unnecessa-
ry?

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Ans. Whatever might have been done to them, was necessary, I think Mr Peel was the designer of the milling Press.

Quest. State the reason assigned by Mr Tyler for the condemnation of the rolls?

Ans: The rolls were badly rusted & had been considerably damaged by the salt water — They were taken into the machine shop to grind them, they were partially ground & made bright — but I question if better bettered in any other way than that their surface was made smoother —

The plan adopted to grind them was considered by myself & by nearly all the Machinists as a bad one — Denny & Cavelier disapproved of it & the remaining machinist was not in the shop much of the time

Quest: Was or was not the work done to the Rolls by Mr Tyler necessary or unnecessary?

Ans: The time spent was un-

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necessarily long in doing the work, but the cleaning was necessary. I considered the work badly & improperly done. I considered it necessary to grind them so far as was necessary to take off the rust, but the method adopted was tedious.

Ques: State what reasons were assigned by Mr Tyler for the condemnation of the Steam Engine? what works or alterations were put by Mr Tyler on the Steam Engine?

Ans: There were no alterations made to the Steam Engine, but the Engine was out of line by the new foundation on which it was placed, settling — this is common in this Country in consequence of the softness of the soil — It took but a short time to put it in line again. In following Mr Tylers mode of putting it in line, it required more time than was necessary, but the time was not long — The engine after it was put

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in line worked handsome by
Ques[t]. Was or was not the
work done to the Engines in
your opinion necessary?
Answers it was.
Ques[t]. State the reasons as-
signed by Mr Tyler for the
Condemnation of some of
the cutting presses & what
work or alterations were
put on them by Mr Tyler?
Ans. He stated they were
improperly fitted & badly
finished. He took out one
of the guides and had them
polished to a high polish
for the purpose of show-ing
the difference of finish— the
stake that holds the punch
was taken out of two of them
& rubbed down to make them
fit better & probably they were
made to fit better or answer
the purpose better, it is ne-
-cessary in all machinery
to take apart some of the
movements, to adjust them—
Machinery generally requires
such adjustment more or less
Ques[t]. Was or was not the
work done by Mr Tyler to

Mr. Pearce

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the cutting presses, necessary or unnecessary in your opinion?

Ans. Should think it might have been necessary, being usually so to adjust new machinery.

Quest. State the reasons assigned by Mr Tyler for the condemnation of the draw bench, excepting the saws, & state what work was by him done to, or changes made in the draw bench?

Ans. The fault he found with the draw bench was that the work was not well done, in the manner of finishing. He made some alterations; he took the rolls out, or the carriers, and introduced a board or plank for the chains to traverse over— The wooden sides of the bench were also scraped and rubbed down with oil, in order to make them look better— the heads through which the bar passes were also taken to the shop & new rolls put in, as deponent believes—

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Ques: State whether in your opinion the work done by Mr Tyler to the draw-bench, excepting the saws, was necessary or unnecessary.

All that was done to the draw-bench was unnecessary. Great paint had been taken to preserve the heads from rust. ~~It~~ having been kept at the Union Bank from the time of being imported here. The saws were made by Minick Agnew & Tyler – dont know who made the bench but thinks it was made at the same shop. dont recollect how much time was spent on the draw-bench.

Ques: Do you think the operations of the mint were retarded by Mr Tyler. If so how much time was lost through his fault.

Answer Yes – thinks two months at the least Calculation was wasted by him. Extra wages paid the men employed by him. & not half work at that. The machinists had work all the time, but the other hands that

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is to say the coiners fellies had not work

Ques^t Have you ever observed any improper conduct by Mr Tyler with relation to the melter & Refiners department & his intercourse & transactions therewith?

Ans The most improper thing witness has known on this subject was that they passed the Bullion backwards between them without the warrant of the superintendent, which witness knows they did not have. On one occasion witness was asked by Mr Tyler if the witness had not some business in the city at that time they had been coming for some time. It was some time about 1st June 1838. all they had coined was to no purpose. Mr Tyler had a considerable amount of coin & planchets in hand that was not correct some of the pieces both planchets & coin & strips were too heavy & some too light— Deponent agreeably to Mr Tylers orders

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went out into the city, Tyler telling him he would pay him for his time if Deponent should not lose any time by going, he told witness he might go out for the remainder of the day, as no more would be coined that day. Deponent went out accordingly to his orders, and after being out a few minutes, not knowing what might be the case, Deponent came in by the room over the weigh room. a few days before there had been a hole cut through the arch over the weigh room to pass a rod to hold the scales— Deponent looked through the hole & saw Mr Lilly, Mr Tyler and Mr Blackwell engaged in weighing the strips & blanchets & coins aforementioned as being imperfect— Deponent supposed the reasons why he Deponent was sent out, was that he should not know of what was doing— Mr Tyler got Charles Mosher, a blacksmith at the mint to help carry these articles, who

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Mr Pierrepont

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had never been so employed before, to the weigh room, the object was to have them re-melted into ingots, so as to recognize them. Knows nothing further positive about this particular transaction. Deponent does not know whether the passing back & forwards of the bullion that afterwards took place was agreeable to Law or not. He is unable to state. But deponent believes that they was a continual shuffling backwards & forwards unbeknowing to any one else but those two, that is Mr Tyler & Mr Maxwell.

By shuffling deponent means that the owner made a mistake, the planchets would neither weigh nor count correctly they would be either too heavy or too light, then it was returned by Mr Tyler to Mr Maxwell & remelted into ingots & then returned back to Mr Tyler. Deponent believes all this was done without the knowledge

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of the Superintendent — I further believes that they were ashamed to let him know it

Quest: Please state if you know anything in relation to a plan of the coiner to keep the assayer out of the Treasurer's office at any time & for what purpose?

Ans: Mr Tyler expressed himself to me by saying that he wished he could get some plan to keep Dr Hoff out of the Treasurer's office, he was always in it; he stated to me he would give him some pieces to assay that would keep him out a short time after this took place there was an accident happened in annealing some planchets these planchets were in a cylinder 3 inches diameter 8 ft long. they were made of copper & brazed with hard solder, using borax to braze them it acted as a cement which caused the pieces to stick & run together, with less that than would otherwise

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have taken place if there had been no borax in the cylender. They were melted up together so that in a part of the pieces the portion of alloy was nearly burned out so as to make the silver too near pure silver. a part at one end of the box or cylender was not heated enough to injure them while the other end was red hot. These pieces were known to be proofed as to standard some above standard, some below— when I was taking these pieces out of the box Mr Tyler came into the room I examined them, taking some below some above standard, of which we had no reason to doubt. saying to me do you think that will not answer to keep the Dr out of the Register's office. I told him that part of them the alloy was all burned out & that it would be of no use— & he said that was no matter it would keep him the Dr out of the

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Treasurer's office — He took a handfull of them & went to his room & afterwards I saw them or other pieces like them, they could not be told apart done up in small parcels & numbered & I suppose they were sent to the assayer to be assayed for the purpose of keeping him out of the Treasurers office I believe they were the same blankets before spoken of.

Quest. State any thing that you know as to Mr Silas B Tyler, brother of the Coiner being employed one month or thereabouts in making drawings for a Mr Marshall of Philadelphia when he was receiving at the same time full pay & extra pay for his services as a Machinist or workman in this Branch Mint.

Ans. Mr Silas B Tyler the Brother of the Coiner & Mr Tyler the Coiner were both engaged more or less in making these drawings.

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Mr Pyle designed them & Mr Thilas B Pyle made the drawings — Mr Pyle always, when Mr Short came into the room would immediately take him out of the room to prevent his asking what the drawings were. Mr Pyle was very particular about any one knowing of this transaction —

They were I think a month, full three quarters of that time employed.

These drawings were for a 20 cwt lathe & made expressly for the Carrollton Rail Road. Mr Marshall was the one who was to build the lathe. I am positive that Thilas B Pyler got extra pay that month as I believe this time should have been occupied in getting the machinery in operation ready for the Monthly Pay business was prolonged & kept back from want of knowledge by the workmen to go on with the business

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Met agreeably to adjournment.

Same persons present

In answer to the call made by the Commissioners on Friday evening for certain accounts & statements. Mr Bradford filed a statement of Superintendents warrants & was sworn thereunto as by reference to the same will appear

The Treasurer filed also written statements & accounts in answer to the call made on Friday last upon him, responding to calls 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & was sworn thereunto, as by the same will appear. The Master & Reform Farm filed written statements in answer to the call made on Friday last upon him & was sworn thereunto, as by the same will appear

The Coroner also furnished written statements in answer to the call made on Friday last upon him & was sworn thereunto as by the same will appear.

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The said Dyer filed in writing his answer, as by the requisition of the Commissioner called upon, to the written statement of the Matter & Form in relation to the official course of said assayer & said assayer was sworn thereunto as by the same will appear.

The Commissioner here called upon the Treasurer to produce all the books from the Treasurer & Weighers Office & in answer to this case the following books were produced from the said Office as follows

1. Gold weighing book
2. Silver " "
3. Gold Registers
4. Silver "
5. Memorandum books wherein Memoranda are made of transfers to & from the Refiners & Coiner's Office also Memoranda of assay coins sent to Philadelphia & a Registering book
6. Warrant Books
7. Warrant books for ordering by accounts

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8. Gold [illegible] certificate book
9. Silver " "
10. Bullion Journal
11. Weighers Book

There is another book described in the testimony under appellation of "original weighers book" but Mr. Demitry states that he does not consider said book as appertaining to the Treasurers Office He refers for further illustrations to his testimony on the subject.

12. Cash book
13. Journal of ordinary accounts
14. Ledger. " " " "
15. Copy book of ~~quarterly~~ accounts
16. Letter book
17. A table book for calculating the values of bullion, after standard given by assayer
18. 3 check books to wit: Citizens Bank, union & commercial bank.

Mr. Demitry states that these are all the books kept in the Treasurer's & weighers Office - there is a Bullion Ledger sent from Philadelphia in which no entries have been made, the ruling not corresponding with the form and

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from Philadelphia also
there is another Bullion Ledger
purchased here, but in which
no entries have yet been made
(some of the headings however
are put) owing to want of
time, I not existing to divide
from the press but from
Philadelphia without further
instructions

Whereupon the Commissioners
requested the Treasurer to
cause to be made full & com-
plete duplicate copies of the
following to wit:

I Copy of all entries in Silver
weighing book from 1st
April to 20th May 1839 in-
clusive, & being from depos-
-ite No 48 to No 164 inclusive

II Copy from Silver Bullion
Register from 1st April to
30th May inclusive

III Copy from Margin of
Silver Certificate Book
from Certificate 70 to 150
inclusive

IV A Copy from the Bullion
Journal from 31st March
to 31 April 1839

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V. a Copy from weighers Book of entries in account with Melter & Refiner from 1st April to 1st May 1839 inclusive.

VI. a copy of pages 2, 3, 4 & 5 from the Book labelled Weigher's Book & spoken of in the Testimony under application of original weigher's Book

These Copies must be verified under oath of Treasurer & approved as true Copies by Mr. Maxwell & Mr. Bradford.

As these Copies are called for in duplicate, and the work will require considerable labour & is expected to be produced on Thursday night, the Superintendent is requested to supply the Treasurer with Copies at during the interval allowed for compliance with this call & to authorize the payment by the Treasurer of said Copyists compensation.

The Melter & Refiner is requested to furnish for

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Thursday morning must full duplicate copies of all the entries in her Letter account book from 1st April 1839 to 1st June inclusive to be verified under oath of Mr. Maxwell & appears as true copies by the Treasurer & Superintendent.

Dr. Hart is requested to furnish duplicate copies of his reports of assay for the month of April 1839. certified by him in like manner under oath & appeared as true copies by the Treasurer & Mr. Maxwell

Mr. Browns examination resumed by the Commissioner.

Has heard Mr. Tyler say that the Steam Engine of the Mint was badly made & that he, Tyler, could get up a much better one. that the present one was a jumble of cast iron of a rough finish or without a proper finish. this engine was built by Merrick & ~~Michlenburgh~~ Thetford Philadelphia Tyler

Mr. Brown sd

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Mr. T. Browne

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stated it was very imperfectly fitted & not worth for a Mint— and added, if I could persuade them to sell it, I could substitute one that would be an ornament to the Mint— he said he would have the Cylinder turned with a brass plate, & would have the Mother's Name inscribed & would get it made by Baldwin— Deponent believes Mr. Baldwin is Mr. Tyler's brother in law

Mr. Tyler's disposition seemed to be, to let some one attend to the engine who did not know how to superintend it as he Mr. Tyler was to be his own engineer, he appeared to desire to impress the men with an idea that he knew all about an engine, though witness thinks Tyler was incompetent himself to take charge of an engine. Deponent thought so, because he Tyler undertook to work the engine only with a starting

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bar. Not hoping to pass
the Centre, Mr. Tyler came
near throwing the Cylinder
out of place — there was not
sufficient experience in
working it, shewn, to avoid
the above danger — Moving
the valve the reverse way
from what he should have
done — Mr. Tyler & his brother
were both experimenting with
the engine when these mis-
takes were made — they were
alone in the room together
— Deponent was in the
Boiler Room below — could
see what they were doing
through the space where
the fly wheel worked —
Deponent is of opinion
that the Engine was a
good one — It was severe
ly tried by the persons who
have seen it in operation —

Mr. Tyler has a stile
ston key for his convenience
to pass through the doors
of the different apartments
— he knows it would suit
the Treasurer's Office — does
not know as to the doors

Mr. Brown

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out of Sykes's department
Has Son Mr Tyler entered
the Treasurer's Office with
it— Does not know if the
Treasurer Clerks knew of
it but supposes at the
time they did know it
seeing him use this privi-
lege— he made free use
of it & had gone there when
the Clerks were away.

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The following testimony of Mr Zacharie was written by Mr Zacharie himself

Cellatera.

James W. Zacharie of the Mercantile firm of J. W. Zacharie & Co trading with Mexico says that the house, has at various periods received Gold & Silver bullion which he has deposited for assay & coinage at the Branch of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans, has always found the Officers attached thereto, civil & polite.

Some of these deposites of gold bullion mixed with silver, the assayers report as this gold to be short many a Thousand dollars of the Mexican assay, he afterwards learned from Mr Magruder that there had been more gold found in the bars than reported by the assayers, Mr Hoot, which of course their bonds claims, the gold had been assayed twice in Mexico and the same Mr J. R. Schetznell # has expressed great dissatisfaction & still expressed himself dissatisfied with the result as he said that the Mexican Assayers had too much of interest to commit such blunders & he has had a complaint of the Mint not delivering coin with due speed

and one a second visit to Mexico after an examination with Mr Hoot from Washington

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Mr. Gardner

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Last ~~Sworn~~ sworn, & that several parcels of bullion, he has deposited & sold the Certificates of the several Banks, have not been redeemed although it has now been more than a year.

Examined on behalf of Mr. Maxwell.

There has been a desire on the part of the public of New-Orleans & necessity to obtain the substitution of small coin for the small paper circulation under five dollars. The coinage of small change at this Mint is deemed here a measure of public convenience & of great utility.

Is acquainted with the character of Mr. Maxwell the Master & Refiner & of Mr. Taylor the Coiner; considers both of them men of high reputation & industrious & attentive habits. Deponent has often visited the Mint & has always found them attentively employed, has seen Dr. Mint at all times & found him industrious & engaged in his duties, Deponent also says found the other Officers there & frequently engaged in

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their duties so fickle however as they lay in the charge of accounts & documents he did not pay so much attention, has never heard of or known any attempt on the part of Mr. Hospelle or Mr. Sylver in the public prints or otherwise to injure the New Orleans Merit.

By the Commissioner

Department of Supervision & Merchant from information & views founded on the pursuit of his profession for 24 years in New Orleans that a Branch of business carriage at this Port would have a very beneficial effect upon the Commercial affairs of Louisiana & the Southern Country. Department has large importations now on their way from the interior of Mexico, via Eagle point & on the Red River, & also via Matamoras — Expenses about $20,000 The price of carriage & hire in New Orleans than in Mexico. Importations prohibited by prohibitory laws in Mexico thinks large amounts would find their way thence to New Orleans

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Benjamin Pearson sworn

Examined by the Commissioner

Was one of the Contractors for building the Branch Mint at New Orleans— Mr Tyler showed to Deponent that the locks on the doors at the Mint were not very good & said he had a key which would open any of them— he exhibited to deponent a skeleton Key. Deponent said he could make one of the same sort— an ordinary Key is easily converted into a Key of that sort— Knows nothing further on the subject— The locks on the doors of the mint were good of the kind— does not know that Tyler assigned any reason for having made the skeleton Key— Thinks there were other persons present at the time of the above conversation with Tyler, perhaps several persons— the conversation occurred in the Treasurer's room— The conversation was addressed to deponent in an ordinary tone of voice— there was no secrecy about it, as deponent thought— the conversation he

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Mr Fox

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thinks was about the time of the commencement of the operations of the mint— some time in 1838

Knows nothing of Mr Tyler's qualifications, when deponent has been at the mint. has generally seen Mr Tyler there, attending apparently to the business of his department.

Deponent on his visits to the mint does not recollect of seeing persons of suspicious appearance about the establishment—

Joseph B Harmstead
was sworn—

Deponent is a machinist— was first employed at the mint some time in November 1837. & so has since continued— was engaged in the coinage Department— the machinery was in pretty good condition when it first arrived from the north— as good as could be expected— when Deponent arrived some part of it, such as the presses & milling machines were still in the boxes & had to be set up— Deponent assisted in setting up the coining presses— some parts of them were rusted & required rubbing, but they

Mr Harmstead

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Mr. Thomstead

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were done ever in very good order—
the triangle was afterwards
altered by Mr Zeller. Pieces
of brass plate were placed
in the centre of the triangle
of the large & small pieces;
This addition stiffened the
triangle, but did not alter
the original design— with
this addition the triangle works
very well— Deponent does not
know how it would have work-
ed before— thinks the work
that put in the triangles stif-
fened must of course be an
advantage— The ball socke-
t was reduced in the small
pieces— thinks the reduction
has been of no advantage—
does not know whether any
injury has accrued from that
change— is not able to say
how the coining press works now,
being in a different portion
of the Department— the draw
Bench was altered by taking
out rolls placed for the chain
to roll on & by substituting
plank— chain was the alte-
-ration— the draw bench
now works very well— not

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Mr Saumstest

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having seen the draw bench work before Deponent cannot say whether the alteration was a beneficial one or otherwise— There has been an alteration made to the Steam Engine by Mr Tyler— it was by attaching the eccentric with the motion, taking out the one that was in before & putting a different one— does not know what was the object of the change— Thinks the engine does not work very well— Has perceived no change in the working of the Engine, which works the same as before— The engine works very badly— it worked badly at first— it was afterwards repaired & does not think the repairs improved it— The foundation had settled & was taken down & readjusted— attributed its working badly at first to the settling— does not know to what to attribute its working badly now— thinks the Engine has been used carelessly—

Mr Tyler made some al-

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-lerations to the cutting Ma-
-chine— there was an alter-
-tion in the Joint which con-
-nects the slide with the con-
-necting rod— the machine
now worked well— In one of
the Cutting machines there was
an alteration as to holding
the seal down— it is not
better now than before— there
were no other alterations to the
cutting machines—

There was a change made
to the coining press as to
oiling the ball & socket— a piece
of steel was placed on the stake
to raise the Ball from the
socket when it descended—
does not know the effect of it—
the object was to oil the
ball from the socket— thinks
this plan would be injurious
as to the permanency of the
ball & socket. as the bearing would
be on the piece of steel— by per-
-manency witness means the
solidity of the triangle— as
to the friction of the ball &
socket does not think it would
be greater or less from this
change— thinks there would

N. Hammitt

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Mr Armstead

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be no difference as to the wearing of the ball & socket.

The coining department was ready for actual operation about last of May or 1st June 1838— thinks in the preparation of this department more time was consumed than was necessary— say two or three months— machinists were employed in brightening and altering the arch of the press— thinks this brightening process was to keep the men employed while Mr Tyler could arrange such alterations as he thought necessary— Mr Tyler did not appear anxious to get his department ready.

Being asked what is his opinion of Mr Tyler's capacity & acquirements as a Machinist?

Thinks Mr Tyler has some peculiar ideas—

Thinks he has a knowledge of Machinery— that his theoretical knowledge of machinery is very good— but thinks him not a competent man for the place he holds—

Is not much acquainted with

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Mr Brown's capacity & acquirements, but has been some of his work which was very good.

Thinks Mr Denney a superior workman — as good as any he has ever worked with during an experience of 8 years — better than any he has ever worked with at this age.

Quest. Proposed by Mr Tyler — was not the object of Mr T. said change in the coming press with regard to the Ball & Socket, to shake it a self-forcing machine?

Answ. Does not know whether it was or not nor whether it had that effect or not.

There has been a quarrel between Mr Tyler & Brown, but does not know whether they are on good or bad terms now.

The ball & socket in an injured condition being exhibited to witness, thinks it had not been kept well oiled — thinks it would not have become injured if it had been well oiled — thinks the steel priced according to

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Mr Tyler's plan, would be the effect of cutting the worm surface of the ball & socket, if the steel piece produced the effect of raising the ball, but does not know whether the steel piece so raised it or not— the last time Deponent saw the (ball now at work) clean pumps, the ball did not appear worn in that part— Mr. Tyler's plan of oiling it ~~in~~ ~~not~~ does not recollect how long it has been in use— it was very seldom Deponent could get into the room where it was, unless he stole his way in, & whenever Mr. Tyler happened to come in when Deponent was there he would say something to Deponent to give him to understand that he must go to some other part of the building— Deponents work was in some other portion of the Department— Deponent & Mr. Tyler have not had any difficulty but have had little to say to each other.

Mr. Hamilton

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Mr. P. H. Moore was sworn

Is a blacksmith in the mint – is about 23 years of age – has been employed in the Mint since the latter part of 1837 – was acquainted with Mr. Denney – Mr. Tyler informed Deponent that Mr. Denney would not sign a contract to give him, Tyler, a compensation, he thinks of $300 for instructing Denney & mechanics – Mr. Tyler assigned this as one of the reasons for Denney's removal – Deponent has read the contract referred to – Mr. Tyler told Deponent that Denney intended to bring charges against him Tyler, when he got to Philadelphia – & Mr. Tyler remarked that Denney had better not do so, as if Denney intended to start business in Philadelphia he, Tyler, would be able to give him some work, as he would rather trust Denney with work that than – Mr. Marshall

Mr. P. H. Moore

Washington County ss. Personally appeared before me

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Here a contract in pencil being exhibited, Mr Tyler admitted it to be his handwriting—

Deponent on being shewn said contract, says he believes it to be the same referred to above—

Has heard Mr Tyler observe that Dr Patterson would support him—also that Mr Bradford would have to go to Bayou Sara, by which deponent supposed he meant Mr Bradford would have to leave his present station—

He stated at the same time that he did not know what the consequences would be as to himself in substantially to that effect—

Mr Tyler on one occasion got deponent to come to the weighing room & assist in carrying some clippings of Cancheto that were there, and bars of silver & strips— They were weighed & deponent carried them on the truck to the matter of Deponent vault— This was sometime last season— This was the only time that Deponent has been so employed— Mr Selby, Mr Tyler & Mr Maxwell & as he believes Mr Bussell,

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were present at the time — Mr Selby was then weighing Clerk of Mr Bassett was one of the Melters of Refined men — it was during the business hours of the forenoon — does not know whether the planchets were scanned planchets or not — Mr Selby marked down the weight in a book after first putting it down on paper — witness supposes the book was there for that purpose — the windows of the room were boarded & the doors open — Does not know whether any particular person is generally employed to carry bullion ~~to~~ from the weigh room to melting room & coining ~~room~~

Felix Garcia was sworn — is president of Draining Company — is acquainted with Mr Brown the Engineer — he is in the employ of said company as engineer & machinist — has had an opportunity of making himself acquainted with Mr Browns capacity & acquirements on such subjects — the business in which he

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Mr Saucier

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was engaged by said company
required changes & improvements
that could only be made by a
practical & good engineer—
Considers Mr Brown a good
engineer & what he has seen of
his work, induces him to be-
lieve him to be as above stated—
is not able to speak of his scien-
tific acquirements— Deponents
observations induces him to believe
that Brown possesses the theoret-
ical knowledge & practical ex-
perience suited to his profession
Deponent has some acquaint-
ance with the Science of Me-
chanics—
Examined on behalf of
Mr Bradford—
Deponent is President of the
Senate of Louisiana— has
turned his attention to the
subject of Mechanics & has
made some improvements
on his plantation in the works
of his Sugar house, particular-
ly as to the clarification of
Sugar, economy of fuel &c—
the apparatus of Deponent is
now much used in Louisiana
& the Legislature have given

Mr Garcia
Mr Clark

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Deponent an exclusive privilege for it—

Mr Garcia was requested by the commissioner to visit the Printing department on Friday next at 10 Oclock & to prepare in writing such observations on the State of the Machinery in that department, its improvements &c as he might deem desirable & important—

Mr Clark

Nathan Clark was sworn— Deponent is a machinist has been here since February 1838. has had charge of the Engine; but has not now— left the Engine on 1st July 1838 & now finishing in the Machine Shop— while deponent had charge of the Engine no alteration were made in it— while deponent had charge of the Engine it operated well— Considers the Engine as at present out of order— probably in consequence of its being stayed too tight, causing it to shake— Does not think the Engine

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Mr Carroll

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has been treated this season as it should have been to preserve it— The fires this season have been covered on closing business with the ashes to keep the fire for next morning— this would also keep the water hot, so that the steam could be more easily obtained the next morning—

Considers Mr Tyler capable of performing the duties of his office— Mr Tyler's conduct towards him generally has been proper but he has been occasionally fractious towards deponent.

Being asked what he considers the three principal points of difficulties which have taken place between Mr Tyler & some of his workmen from time to time— he says that Mr Tyler was a very particular strict man about his work & requires it having it done in any other way that suited his views— that Denney who left him last winter was in deponents opinion one of the best

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Mr Lewis vs Mr Paul

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workmen deponent has ever known — that he does not pretend to say such was the reason, but he has sometimes conjectured that Tyler may have been jealous of Benney's work — that deponent leaves to the other men to explain the reasons why they have had dissatisfaction — Mr Tyler's conduct towards deponent has been generally very pandemonic — Being asked which of the two men, Denney or Tyler he considers most competent for the place of Corner, he says that he does not consider himself sufficiently acquainted with all the subjects of the corner department to be a competent Judge of this question —

Mr Lassegue was sworn — Was Clerk in Treasurers Office from 1st April 1838 to 1st week of January 1839 — the conduct of the Corner of Melby & Alsney towards the Officers in the Treasurers Office has been ungentlemanly

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Mr. Forstall

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Jobert having quarrelled
on one occasion, in Spring
of 1838. McDowel being a
clerk in Treasurers office was
at work there. Mr Forstall
& Dr Hort were sitting at
the porch with witness, the
porter came & said he had
received orders from Mr
Tyler to shut the door at
Six oClock. Mr Forstall
said he did not think pro-
per to return at that moment.
then Mr Tyler came & told
Mr Forstall the door must
be shut. Mr Forstall who
is an old man then retired.
Mr Tyler seemed on all
occasions disposed to as-
-sume the authority of su-
-perintendent — In July
1838 in opening the Treas-
-urers office in the morning
he observed that some bo-
-dy must have been in
the office from papers being
displaced in the desk &
by finding the door from
the Treasurers Office to neigh
-bouring room open in the morn
-ing — These circumstances

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occurred to repeatedly — Deponent
apprised Mr Bradford of
it who at first thought it
was Deponents neglect but
after Deponent assured him
that he was careful about
shutting the door and arran-
ging his papers — Mr Brad-
ford said he would use all
his efforts to find out who
it was — but Mr Bradford
did not succeed — About the
1st of August Mr Tyler & Mr
Mayrwether with the porter paid
off the workmen, left the mint
and these circumstances then
ceased — during the week Mr
Fox came to settle an account
& spoke to witness of Mr Tylers
having a Skeleton key — Mr
Fox informed Mr Bradford
of this, & Mr Bradford had
the lock changed to prevent
the use of a Skeleton key

Mr Bradford has a key
that opens the Treasurers
Office, but does not know
whether it opened any other
Offices — has never known a
person of doubtful appear-
ance to be found in the

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about the Mint— Deponent being asked to state his opinion of the competency, fidelity & diligence of the officers of the Mint— Answers as follows—

I. The superintendent— Considers him competent & zealous & courteous to the officers & persons transacting business here—

II The Treasurer— Considers himself competent to answering this question.

III The Melter & Refiner— Does not consider himself a judge of his competency— Considers him diligent so far as he had transactions with Treasurer's Office connected with his own department— Considers that he had systems in the Treasurer's Office as they before the instructions came from Philadelphia.

IIII The Coiner. cannot judge of his competency, but should suppose from the amount coined he had been diligent

Mr. Levine

Mr. Taylor

Dr. Hort

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and faithful in the performance
of his duties.

V The assayer.

Is not to be [illegible] judge of Dr.
Hort - ~~Completely~~ - but he
was very diligent in the
performance of his duties
& courteous in his behaviour
to the other officers.

Dr. Horts Examina-
tion resumed.

I stated the other night
that I believed Mr. Taylor to
be competent to perform the
duties of assayer in this in-
stitution, I now say or affirm
that his conduct has been
highly insulting & ~~[illegible]~~ over
bearing & that he has assumed
the authority of the Superin-
tendent claiming the right
to direct officers & clerks &
every body belonging to the
Mint - as he pleased - I had
occasion to go down to the
rear of the building about
day break & my attention was
attracted by the peculiar shrill
sound of high steam, so
much so as to alarm me for

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consequences as no work-
men were about the mint,
I looked thro' the window
of the boiler-room & saw an
intensely hot fire in the
boilers. I believe that the
fire had been covered up at
night but that it had burnt
thro' the ashes, & hearing no
steam blowing off through
the escape pipe I thought
the boilers were in danger
of explosion & mentioned it
to Mr. Bradford — as to the
precise time, day or hour,
that I mentioned the circum-
stance to Mr. Bradford I
do not recollect, but it was
shortly after — I do not recol-
lect to have mentioned it
to any other person on the
day that it happened, though
I probably might have done
so. This occurred within
the last 3 months

Wm. D. Johnston was
sworn
On behalf of Mr. Brad-
ford.

Last year I was in the

Mr. Johnston
Direct

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rolling room after the mill
went into operation. This year
I have been in the rolling room
Blacksmiths room, Machine
Shop, counting-room, weigh-
ing-room, Mr. Tyler's room
in the building, White washing.

I think Mr. Tyler's con-
duct towards the men under
his charge very improper.
I have been induced to form
this opinion from his treat-
ment to the different men.
I do not think him capable
of filling the station he has.
I do not think him capable
of managing a number of
men under his orders.

On behalf of Mr. Tyler
Mr. Tyler took off my
wages. I have applied to
Mr Tyler to increase my
wages & he has refused to do
it. The first time I asked
him for a removal from my
station, he granted it to me
he told me at the time that
he had placed a man in
that situation for the pres-
ent; about as near as I can
recollect. That pass on for

Wm Johnson

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Mr. Humphreys

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about three days — I thought
it was then time to know
something about it, I com-
hoped it to him then to
know when I was to go
— It appears that at that
time he had altered his mo-
tion, he said then he believed
he would not make a change
it would be to his advantage
to keep me where I was

I was once called by Mr
Tyler into the melting
room to assist in weigh-
ing ingots, about 11 days
or 2 weeks ago

On Examination of
Mr. Humphrey's resumed

I am now & have for
15 months been engaged in
the separating room, except
when on some occasions I
have been called into the
melting room.

2 Quest. State if Silver after
having been cast into in-
gots for coinage has ever
been separated by the Metho
of Nitric & the Gold taken
there from & if so in how
many instances.

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Ans. There have been such
instances & I think according
ing to the best of my
recollection three different
times— the first time was
shortly afterwards the ope-
ations of the Mint were
commenced— the other times
since Nov.r last, perhaps
in January, what made
me notice there had been
a mistake in the Melter's
room was the bad manner
in which the silver worked
in the separating room
When there is copper in
the silver it works up
into the kettles in the sep-
arating room— I observ-
ed that the silver had
been alloyed from the man-
ner in which it worked up
in the kettles. By these means
I ascertained there had been
a mistake in the Melters
room. I asked Mr. Mayswell
if the silver had been cast
into Ingots, & ascertained
it to be a fact.

Quest. State how many
g or Bs are generally

A. M. Hemphill

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contain Dr in a Melt of
Silver for Ingots?
Ans. I do not know the
exact weight of the Dollar
Ingots which I think we
cast at that time, but we
have commonly from 40
to 45 in a Melt — I never
weighed one of the Ingots
but I suppose they weigh
3 ℔s.

On Behalf of Mr.
Maxwell

Quest. How many times
have you applied to Mr.
Maxwell to know whether
the Bullion has been melted
into Ingots, previous to
the appearance you speak
of?

Ans. I think but once — this
I think was the second time
— The first time we separa-
ted Silver that contained
nothing probably but gold
it worked well in the Bottles
but from the others being
alloyed with copper Brass
&c. and was told by Mr
Maxwell without us being
aware that the Silver we

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were worthing had been
buyers, that was the first
of the two that had been
alloyed according to the
best of my recollection —
there was gold separated
from the Silver each of the
times.

Quest. Do you know whether
there is not frequently
Gold separated from alloyed
Silver?

Ans. There ought not to
be if there is — There has
been in the two instances I
speak of — there should not
be Gold in Silver alloyed
for Silver coins to what
I mean —

Quest. Is there not frequently Gold found in alloyed Silver other than of Standard fineness?

Ans. Probably there may be, where Silver comes with gold in it, less than 1/5.

Quest. Does it not frequently happen that Silver is melted into bars gold before it is rolled for separation.

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Mrs. Mohr had not called but three times since I have been in the mint, to my knowledge — It was done through ignorance or mistake both of the last times.

Examination of Mr. Sassere resumed

On behalf of Mr. Maxwell

Quest. Did you not shortly before you left the mint deliver to the Melter & Refiner a report of silver to be melted which was termed Gold, but which was not so marked or noted on the report?

Ans. No — I never gave any reports to the Melter & Refiner — He came & generally helped himself from the Treasurer's armour — In the first days of January Mr. Maxwell came in the Treasurers Office whilst I was counting dimes. Messrs Bradford & Fortall were in the office at the time — Mr. Maxwell asked me if

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Mr. Sassere

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the deposits of Silver of Ligardi did not contain Gold this was the first time that he ever questioned me about any thing of the kind I answered him yes, & left off counting the dimes to hand him the report but he immediately left the room— Next day Messrs Bradford & Forstall being again in the Office Mr Marswell came in and asked me if I had not told him the day previous that only the two last numbers of said deposits contained Gold, I answered him no, that I had told him that there was Silver containing Gold, but did not tell him what Nos as I did not remember, I immediately swept & got the report & handed it to him— & saw that there were more Nos containing gold— he then got in a passion, & said that I had told him so which I positively denied— It has always been my opinion since

Wm Lyons

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That Strike having found that he had made a mistake he wished to throw the blame on me, Mr Shepwell & I have had a quarrel on that occasion & we have not since spoken.

Quest. Please to recollect if you did not deliver on that occasion a paper to Mr Shepwell with the said bullion on which was marked the gross weight or standard weight without reference of there being Gold in it.

Ans. I do not remember.

Mr Lawson

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Mr. Bradford

Examined on behalf of

Mr. ~~Taylor~~ Maxwell

Did not the difficulties between the assayer & Melter & Refiner originate mainly from Mr. Maxwell reporting his having ascertained that there was more Gold in certain deposites of bullion than the assayer had supposed; & has not the assayer refused himself to prevent your distributing the same among Lezardi, Zacharie & Exchange bank, some or all of them whom Mr. Maxwell supposed had deposited the bullion which had been found. Ans. The difficulties between the assayer & Melter & Refiner originated in the assayer's rejecting a great number of melts of Ingots the first that were cast at the Mint ~~the assayer~~ The assayer has not expected himself to prevent my distributing the proceeds of gas, which Dr Hart never advised to report and contended that there was no such excess.

Mr. Bradford

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On behalf of Dr. Hart.

Did or did not Dr. Hart say in talking of such cases, that whether such cases exist or not, it had not been demonstrated to him, Dr. H.?
Ans. Yes he did – Mr. May well furnished an account which deponent exhibited to the Doctor – the said account is now produced by deponent & filed – Dr. Hart always recommended that the Gold should be separated from the silver cast into ingots & delivered to the treasurer regularly, as the only way of ascertaining whether there was or was not an excess which has not been done.

Quest. Did Dr. Hart contend that an excess in Gold had not been demonstrated to him or only that it had not been demonstrated to whom such excess belonged.
Ans. He always denied it to me that there was any such excess in his opinion & said that he had not obtained in the assertions of the Mother

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Reporter,

Direct. Look at the paper now exhibited, headed Silver Bullion deposited by Lozard & Co & say in whose handwriting it is?

Ans. A great deal of it is in deponents handwriting, & some of the figures are in Lafore's writing. Deponent commenced, copied it from the weighing book & copied down to No 7 on the left hand column the balance is in Lafores figures the Clerk of the Treasurers office – thinks Lafore copied it by Deponents direction. Does not know the meaning of the figures therein as follows

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nor why said figures were put there – This paper was delivered to Mr. Maxwell about the 1st week of January – in a day or two after a difficulty arose about this paper between Lafore & Maxwell – the difficulty was about the gold in

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the Legislative deposits

Mr Bradford a few days before giving the above paper to Mr Maxwell had told him that he must not take the weighing book to his room, but that he could have access to the book at the Treasurer's Office by asking the Clerk, but that he must not go near it otherwise. Supposes he told Maxwell he might have Copies from it, as he gave such an order a few days afterwards

Examination on behalf of Mr. Tyler by the Commissioner.

There having been presented here, sundry Copies of protest of Mint certificates for small sums such as the three protested at the request of the Commercial Bank for $47 11/100 for $193 29/100 & for $3 45 37/100 will you state whether these certificates could not have been paid from the funds on hand without necessity of protest & if not why?

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Answ. Bills like they could not be paid. A That the Coinage had not furnished the requisite funds.

Quest. Were there not twenty times their amount paid to depositors subsequent to those stated in said three Certificates, that is to say to later depositors, & were not such payment made prior to said protests at the request of the Commercial Banks

Ans. That he does not know as to all those facts, & refers for answer thereto to the Treasurer's Book & the books of the Mint.

Quest. Did you frequently refer depositors or recommend the Treasurer to refer depositors to the Cashier, when they applied for payment of Certificates?

Ans. Does not recollect of referring the depositors to the Cashier himself, but requested Mr. Forstall to ask the cashier when coins could be supplied

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Examination of Samuel Mc. Henry — was sworn.

Is employed in the Mint generally at Carpenter work — has occasionally worked in the Coiners Office — Worked at the Mint from 15th ~~November~~ 1837 to 15th July 1838 — As far as Deponent has observed the Official conduct of the Coiner, has always found him diligent in his duties — As regards the men in the Coiners department, the men have always been kept at work when there was work for them particularly. Believes the Machinery in the department of the Coiner is kept in as good order as possible — Believes Mr. Eyre to be a first-rate mechanic — Deponent has been acquainted with the subject of machinery from the age of 15 to 33 years — has been a Millwright — has also been employed in repairs of machinery in the Mint at Philadelphia — Since 1st of January 1839 Deponent has been more or less in the habit of passing

Mr. Mc. Henry

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through the Carriers depart-
ment. He was appointed to
be keeper at work. Mr. Tyler
has always treated deponent
well & Deponent has not
heard complaints from the
other workmen except one
man who had difficulty
about wages, named Johnson
& another named Hamstead
with Mr. Brown. Because
he endeavored to persuade
deponent & some other men
to go with him to the North
promising to pay their pas-
sages from Pittsburg to Phil-
adelphia — he told witness
that Tyler wished to get rid
of the Philadelphia men, but
deponent has never seen any
such disposition evinced on
the part of Mr. Tyler, Mr.
Tyler having always treated
Deponent well — Deponent's
engagement was up to 15th
July Brown wished Deponent
to leave with him on the 1st
of July — held out various induce-
ments to deponent to go away
from the Mint — Brown made
various statements to deponent

Sworn to before me this 4th day of July 1850

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about Mr. Tyler, to which de-
ponent did not know whether
to believe him or not, as Mr.
Tyler denied them — Believes
Mr. Tyler an industrious man
— Has heard Brown say that
Tyler was one of the best mechan-
ics he ever saw — And that
he he had learned a great deal
from him, Tyler, about drawing
He told deponent that if Depo-
nent did Tyler's work exactly
as he wanted it, Deponent would
have no difficulty, but that
Tyler was a very particular
man about having work done
according to his orders. Before
Brown was dismissed, Brown
told me that when the power
presses were started in Phila-
delphia they could not get
them to work exactly well —
that Mr. Tyler was called upon
who pushed his opinion upon
them, of which opinion Mr.
Beale did not seem to approve
& that finally the papers were
altered somewhat in accordance
with Mr. Tyler's opinion after
which Brown said to Deponent
they answered very well — Brown

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told Withness the New Orleans
Coining presses would have to go through
the same changes before they
would work well. Thinks Brown
said the triangles would have
to be stiffened. Has never
heard Mr. Tyler speak disre-
spectfully as to the officers of
the Mint as to their being
Frenchmen. The whole of the
machinery sent from Philade-
phia has been put into opera-
tion except the quarter dollar
press, which is now in the
machine shop. Believes this
last machine to go to a triangle.
When men in the Coining De-
partment had not sufficient
work in their particular branch
they have been kept busy in
other branches about the Coiners
department. Mr. Tyler has a
skeleton key. Has seen him
use it in his own department
but it was probably without
concealment. Has not seen
him use it for the doors of
the other officers. Believes Mr
Bradford had a skeleton key
with which he could open
the Coining room door, for

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Mr. Bradford

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which purpose he has seen Mr. Bradford as it has not seen him open other doors with it. Mr. Bradford was absent for sometime, passing backwards & forwards at the mint, after the coinage came from Philadelphia in December 1837 and during his absence, appeared principally charged with the works about the Mint & in the preparation of his own department and of some other rooms, for instance the management of the weigh room connected with the Treasurer's Office. When he has seen Mr. Bradford & Mr. Tyler together Mr. Bradford appeared to leave these arrangements to Mr. Tyler's judgment, at the time just referred to.

Examination on behalf of Mr. Bradford.

Does not know at what time the coining commenced. Deponent arrived in December 1837 & left in July 1838. Deponent has been ~~hourly~~ engaged all the time. Deponent received last month $113.75 for his

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compensation worked in the Carpenters shop in the morning & worked after 4 P.M. & till 6 P.M. He allowed 3 by ten per day for his regular allowance 26 working days are counted to the month. Has in some preceding months received more than in the last month for extra work. Cannot specify the months particularly. The most he has received per month for extra work was sometime in last year. Does not consider himself sufficiently acquainted with the subject to form an accurate opinion as to the coining presses or things of that kind

Being asked whether he thinks Brown's object in asking to go to Philadelphia was to employ him.
Ans. He does not think it was so, in my opinion of his object was that Brown thought Dupremont a good workman & wished to get Dupremont away from the mint. Brown also spoke of getting witness to go to Thos Rowers, a gentleman

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from Philadelphia had talked to witness about establishing Mills there; witness had speaken of this to Brown & Brown told witness they could go together & get work there. Dyonas Work Shop is in the third story Deponents work confines him a good deal to his work shop.

Examination on behalf of Mr. Sayler.

Says that he has never been paid for after work without having done it.

Wm. A. Henry.

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Mr. Charles Schreider was sworn
& examined on behalf
of Mr. Taylor.

Has been in the mint
of New Orleans, since the com
mencement of its operations.
Was engaged in Philadelphia,
attended the coining presses,
was here when some alterations
were made to the coining presses
by Mr. Taylor. The alterations
were in reducing the ball of
the demi presses & fixing a
piece of steel to the shell for
the purpose of separating the
Blank from the socket. The
triangles were also altered
by letting two brass plates
in the triangle for the pur=
pose of strengthening them, which
effect was produced by the al
teration, there was also a
new centre made to the trian
gle of the demi press. also of
the dollar press; this is the
alterations has greatly im=
proved the presses. The object
of the piece of steel was to
separate the shell from the
socket to admit the oil ove
=r the ball; the ball sits

Mr. Schreider

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Relief by this operation. Does not think the ball has worn materially since this plan was adopted – this plan as to oiling has been in use since June 1848 – Has tried the large press which, but not this plan as to oiling it, worked very badly – the alteration above referred to have not been abandoned since, to his knowledge knows the old plans have not been returned to. Believes from what Deponent has seen, that Mr Tyler is a good mechanic, & as far as Deponents information extends should say, Tyler is one of the best in the United States. thinks him very attentive to his duties more so than any other man would be. Tyler generally comes to his work about 7 A.M. or a little before, breakfasts at 8 and is absent on an average about ——— returns & works till 2 P.M. is absent from 2 P.M. at dinner about an hour returning at 3 generally

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and is generally occupied
in his department till dark,
sometimes later - The depo-
nents room more might
have been done, if more
work had been given to
Deponent, but Deponent
thinks Mr Tyler has not
men enough for his de-
partment & keep Depo-
nents room supplied with
plan sheets. Considers that
Mr Tyler treats his men
well, when they deserve it
Question. Do you believe,
from what you know
of Mr Tyler Mr Denny
& Mr Brown that the public
interests would be or would
not be promoted by the remo-
val of Mr Tyler, & the sub-
stitution of Mr Denny or
Mr Brown in his stead.
Ans. Whether the public would be
or would not be promoted by
Mr Tyler's removal & the
substitution of either Mr
Denny or Mr Brown
Examination on behalf
of Mr Tyler.
Being asked of Mr

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Brown is a witness, whom he would believe upon oath.

Ans. He would not believe him on oath where his interests are concerned or where he could gratify his revenge.

Being asked what reasons he has for not believing Brown on his oath when his interests are concerned.

Ans. Deponent does not believe some parts of the testimony which Brown gave here before the Commissioner & believes his reputation for truth is not very great in general - has never known or heard of his, Brown's forswearing himself, on other occasions, but has known him to tell falsehoods, & moreover knows that he would tell a falsehood from a spirit of revenge or to gratify a friend. Knows this by experience & if wished to state instances he will do so - knows an instance where he agreed to get a friend, a young man into a situation that was already engaged for another

Wm Webb &c

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and it touched out that the young man did not get the place, knows nothing of his general reputation for the truth, but from what he has heard from some of the men, these men were Jackson & Gallagher – has heard all the men, working in the mill speak about his veracity has never heard these men say he would perjure himself & Depponent himself did not think so previous to this examination – was on good terms with Brown previous to his discharge – has seldom met with him since says he knows of no alteration having been made to the milling machine. Knows of an alteration having been made to the draw-bench Considers the alteration as having her good with a tendency to preventing noise, but considered it, otherwise unnecessary. The draw-bench works well now, as far as Depponent knows.

Dr. Schiller

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Examination in behalf of Mr. Bradford.

Thinks all the work done was necessary done, but is of opinion that some of the work might have been deferred & done by degrees after the mint had got into operation all the furnaces had to be built, force pumps set, all the work benches made, a great many tools also, a forge built, and a variety of things done that Dr. Pemin does not recollect — Supposes that these things were furnished about the latter part of May 1838.

Quest. Could not the adjustment of the machinery & the necessary changes thereof have been done during the time the matter spoken of in your last answer were under completion.

Ans. It could have been done if there had been more machinists, but the machinists were kept all the time busy. Has sometimes had a press of work in the coining room

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(Personal) When the press would get out of order, & a supply of planchets would thus accumulated – this has not often occurred, considering the application of the machinery. It has occurred frequently in a month – It has sometimes been necessary to take out the dies from their being worn – a die lasts about 10 days or two weeks when there is not a press of work a good die will generally strike about two hundred thousand pieces, means the dime or half dime dies. Has never made more than three days, extra time, in a month, to the best of his recollection – has never been allowed, nor received extra pay for extra work where extra work was not done.

Examination on behalf of Mr. Tyler.

The dies now in the dime press, have struck more than two hundred thousand pieces; they are now in tolerable condition.

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Mr. Charles C. Lyon was sworn

Has been in the mint service February 1838 & is employed at cleaning, milling & whitening planchets. Thinks as far as Deponent observation has extended, the work in the Coiners Department has been diligently conducted. The deponents thinks the machinery has been well taken care of, as far as he has observed the machinery in the other branches of the Department, it appeared to work well - some parts of the machinery have been out of order from the settling of the building. Deponent has but little acquaintance with the subject of machinery, except ~~which~~ what he has gathered since he has been in the Mint. Has formed the impression, from observation of Mr. Tyler's conduct that ~~he has~~ he has been anxious to ~~expedite~~ expedite his work, as fast as circumstances would

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admit, that always thought from his conduct and attention to business that he was jealous, has frequently found him employed after the regular business hours of the mint.

Before Mr. Browns discharge, has heard Mr. Brown express approbation of Mr. Sybert's competency to fill this station, has heard Brown approve of the alteration of the coining presses & Denny also.

Questioned by the Commissioner.

Quest. Do you think that the public interests would be promoted by the removal of Mr. Sybert & the substitution of Mr. Denny or Mr. Brown in his stead?

Ans. That he does not think so

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Mr. John Moody
was sworn.

Has been in the
Mint since the 12th of
December 1837. Is employed
in annealing — Conceives
Mr. Tyler a very attentive
man to his business — The
men in Deposits branch
of the Coining department
are kept steadily at work
Conceives Mr. Tyler's conduct
towards his men to be good.
Has heard Mr. Brown say
the Steam engine was not
a good one & wished he could
get Mr. Tyler to make a
new one. Deponent inquired
of Tyler could make one.
Brown said that he, Tyler,
could make a complete one.
Thinks the above remarks
of Brown were after the
Engine was adjusted — can
not recollect the time
exactly, but thinks [illegible] before they commenced coining.

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Mr. Caleb D. Bird was sworn.

Has been in the Mint since December 1837. last year was in the blacksmiths shop is now in the rolling room ~~superintendent~~ he is foreman of the work in his branch is diligently carried on - Conducts Mr. Tyler a very attentive man to his business. His conduct towards his men is very good - has worked for a good many men. I never for a better than Mr. Tyler

Mr. Bird

Questioned on behalf of Mr. Tyler.

Quest. Is Mr. Brown a man whom you would believe on his oath?

Ans. I permit think he should not, in matters which his (Brown's) interest was concerned.

Quest. Did you ever hear Mr. Brown express any opinion as to Mr. Tyler's mechanical abilities.

Ans. Shortly, soon after we first came and I heard Mr. Brown say that Mr. Tyler was as good a mechanic as he

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was known to deponent commis-
-ers himself as having some
acquaintance with the sub-
ject of machinery. Barnes
Brown a poor mechanic
as to the practical part
Has been Brown undertak-
-n to do turning in irons. thinks
he could do as good a job him-
self, though not professing
to be a machinist; it was
not well done— Brown
did not appear to witness
familiar with the use of
tools— Deponent has been
kept very steadily employed
since he came here

Has seen chips & sand
in the stuffing box of the
Engine— it appeared to have
been put there with the de-
sign of injuring the Engine.
Witness showed it to Mr. Moody
Has endeavored to find out
who did this, but unsuccess-
fully. It might possibly some-
times have been accidental
but some of these cases he
is sure were the result of
design. He supposes these
things were done by some

Mr. Bird

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personally hostile to him
and wished to deprive de
ponent of his employment.
Examination on behalf
of Mr. Bradford.
Being asked what are
his reasons for not believing
Brown on his oath, where
Brown might be entitled
Ans. He came to Deponent
one day, think in June
1876 told deponent he
had charge of a railroad
& wished to engage Deponent
to run an Engine there.
Deponent gave him no in-
-couragement about this.
& soon afterwards found Brown
was to go away from the
Mint & witness found after-
-wards he had no such
engagement - and did this to get
Deponent away from the
Mint.
Being asked how does
witness knows that Brown
had no such employment
Ans. If Brown had such an
employment Brown would have
gone to it when he, Brown, left
the Mint.

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On behalf of Mr. Tyler says, that there were some holes of the rolling room that required grinding to make them true & both of size – this was done before they were ground, they were not fit for use, if rolls are not true the steps cannot be made correctly – the rolls were untrue before grinding.

On behalf of Mr. Bradford

Their untruth might consist in being larger at one end than another, or larger in the middle than at the end – or one longer than the other, it is not necessary that one should be longer than the other. The two rolls were put together to ascertain if they were true before grinding, & they were [illegible] together, when by looking through them, it was found they touched at some places & not at others. Dr. Bement – did this humour of some of the rolls disagreed so much as to require a good deal of grinding having small holes in them –

Mr. Reid.

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Mr. George Hoopes was sworn.

Says that one morning in last April 1839 Dupont came to the mint about 6 Oclock in the morning the two door keepers were at the porch of the main door - One of them said duly this window has been left open - the door keeper then hoisted the sash from the out side of the building & pushed open the window shutters with his hand - the window was one of the windows of the Treasurer's office the Treasurers door was still locked, as the door keepers said they, the door keepers did not go into the Treasurer's room then.

Mr. Sopiere Examined with reference to the paper headed by the words "Silver Bullion" deposited by Sizer de' & Co." [illegible] that morning by Mr. Maxwell to take the [illegible] book to the room that one day he found Mr. Bradford copying certain

Mr. Hoopes
Mr. Sopiere

#[illegible] Assistant Ex. Mint Bradford Examined for the Prosecution

Mr. Maxwell

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extract from the Day book
Mr. Bradford that partly
written it down to the Day
as stated by Mr. Bradford
Deponent told Mr. Bradford
he would copy the balance
which Deponent did &
returned the paper to Mr.
Bradford. Deponent does
not know what these fi-
gures mean

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inserted in the middle col-
umn in deponents hand
writing — Deponent requested
Mr. Bradford not to let
the Book be taken away
any more by Mayhew,
that Mayhew could al-
ways see the Books at the
Treasurers Office when he
wished to consult them —
Deponent says perhaps the
cause of the insertion of
the said figures in the mid-
dle column might have
been in reference to the cir-
cumstance that there were
12 Nos. before melting 911
after melting but the transaction

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was so long since, that he cannot explain it further

Mr. Maxwell calls for a copy of Assayers report No 33 Mr. Lefarde & Co.

Question on behalf of Mr. Maxwell to Mr. Tyler.

Did Mr Demitz say that the Cases deposited had been weighed before & after melting & that the weights rendered in the Scale from the time it was first weighed until it came back after melting & that it weighed the same?

Ans. I have heard Mr Demitz say that the occasion was one evening about the commencement of this investigation at an informal discussion when the meeting was about adjourning — Mr. Demitz also stated that this was the only one can be had for ascertaining that the Cases Deposited had been melted.

Mr. Taylor

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Cross Book on behalf
of Mr. Bradford.

Did you ever mention
to Mr. Dubigny that the
conduct of Mr. Mayfield to-
wards Dimitry in relation
to the Casas deposits was
highly improper, that you
had reasons of your own
for thinking so & that you
had not been in Mr. May-
fields house for 3 months.
Ans. I do not think I did.
Deponent adds that he does
not remember much to his mem-
ory about matters which I
do not pay particular atten-
tion to at the time. Depo-
nent in relation to a part
of this enquiry says, he has
an indistinct recollection
of having spoken of the in-
terruption of his personal
intercourse with Mr. May-
field & that perhaps he
may have said it was im-
proper in Mr. Mayfield to
charge Dimitry with fraud.
But deponent does not think
he expressed to Dimitry his
opinion about the merits of the

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A document is filed by Mr. Mayfield which is acknowledged by Mr. Daniels to be in his handwriting so far as the figures in which are concerned and which is requested to be forwarded in original.

The Commissioners have informed the parties that the testimony was now closed and that only one further witness would be called on tomorrow at ½ past 4 o'clock precisely for the sole purpose of comparing the copies of documents which are to be forwarded as part of this investigation.

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